



Placer County Health and Human Services Department Environmental Health

THE FOLLOWING FOOD CATEGORIES ARE ALLOWED IN A HOME BASED BUSINESS PER AB 1616 aka HOMEMADE FOOD ACT:

Foods that are defined as “*non- potentially hazardous*” are approved for preparation, handling, or packaging by a COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION'S (CFO). These are foods that DO NOT require refrigeration to keep them safe from bacterial growth, which could potentially make people sick. The CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) will establish and maintain a list of approved cottage food categories on their website and will establish a process by which *new foods can be added to the list and other foods can be challenged and removed.*

- **Baked or Fried Bakery products (without cream, custard, or meat fillings, also NO cheese, bacon, or vegetables baked on top or as a filling or fresh fruits as toppings)** ex. Cakes, cookies, breads, pretzels, croutons, churros, donuts, etc...
- **Buttercream frosting, icing, fondant, gum paste and flat icing without eggs, cream or cream cheese, or milk**
- **Candy, such as brittle and toffee & cotton candy**
- **Candied apples** (caramel apples)
- **Chocolate- covered non-perishable foods** (i.e. nuts, dried fruits, pretzels)
- **Confections such as salted caramel, fudge, marshmallow bars chocolate covered marshmallow, nuts, and hard candy or combination thereof**
- **Dried fruit (fruit leather) Dried or dehydrated vegetables** (dried in the kitchen not outside)
- **Dried Pasta**
- **Dried vegetarian-based soup mixes and Dried Grain Mixes**
- **Dry baking mixes**
- **Fruit pies, fruit empanadas, and fruit tamales**
- **Granola, cereals and trail mixes**
- **Ground Chocolate** (ground cocoa beans)
- **Herb blends, dried mole paste and seasoning salt** (dried herbs & spices blends only) **Part 182 of Title 21**
- **Honey, sweet sorghum syrup.** (Note: honey packaged by a producer do not need CFO or PFR only AG certificate)
- **Jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butter that comply with the standard described in Part 150 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These should be fruit products only (no vegetables) Sugar must be the first ingredient.**
- **Marshmallow that do not contain eggs**
- **Nut mixes and nut butters**
- **Popcorn or popcorn balls** (only corn, other grains not allowed)
- **Roasted coffee and dried tea**
- **Vegetable and potato chips**
- **Vinegar and mustard** (cannot infused with fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices, onion or garlic)
- **Waffle cones and pizzelles** (Italian waffle cookies)

REMINDERS:

1. Processing any food not included on the above list requires approval from Environmental Health or a State CDPH Permit.
2. If you want any of your products added on the list, send an e-mail request to fdbinfo@cdph.ca.gov
3. **FOODS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE SHALL NOT BE MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN.**
4. Before commencing home food business, permit (Class B) or registration (Class A) must be secured first.
5. Any questions or concerns, please contact our office @numbers listed below

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