



**COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS  
REGISTRATION / PERMITTING DECLARATION**

*Shaded boxes Office Use Only*

Business Owner Name:	FA	Permit #	
Business Name:	PR	PE	FEE
Business Address:			
Phone:	Cell:	Email:	

**Categories:**

- Class A (Direct Sales Only)                       Class B ( Direct & Indirect Sales)

**Prohibited Items:**

Foods containing cream, custard, or meat fillings are potentially hazardous and are not allowed to be prepared by a Cottage Food Operation (CFO). **Only the “non-potentially hazardous” food products listed below are approved for preparation by a CFO.** These are food items that do not require refrigeration to keep them safe from bacterial growth that could cause illness.

**Approved Products:** (See H&SC Section 114365.5 for updated lists)

*Please check the items you will be preparing and/or selling. \*Must conform with standard: Part 150, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>BAKED GOODS WITHOUT CREAM, CUSTARD, OR MEAT FILLINGS</u></b> Examples: Bagels * Baklava * Biscuits * Bread * Brownies * Buns * Cake * Churros * Coconut Macaroons * Cookies * Crackers * Cupcakes * Donuts (fried or baked) * Empanadas (fruit only) * Flatbreads * Fruit, Nut, or Seed Bars * Macarons (with approved Buttercream) * Muffins * Pastries * Pies (fruit only) * Pizelles * Quick Breads * Samosas (fruit only) * Tamales (fruit only) * Tarts * Tortillas * Torts * Waffles (fried or baked) * Waffle Cones
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>CANDY AND CONFECTIONS</u></b> Examples: <b>Brittles</b> * Candied Apples * Candied Popcorn (balls, caramel, chocolate) * Carmels * Cotton Candy * Chocolate-Covered Non-Perishables including: marshmallows, nuts, candy, dried fruit, potato chips, or any combination * Edible Dessert Sprinkles including: sanding and crystalized sugars, non-pareils, confetti, sequins, dragees, sugar-shapes, sugar-strands (jimmies), comfits, mini-chocolates, and pralines* Freeze-Died Candies * Fudge * Ground Chocolate * Hard Candy * Marshmallow Bars * Marshmallows that do not contain eggs * Popcorn Balls * Salted Caramels * Spiced Sugars * Toffee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>VANILLA EXTRACT CONTAINING AT LEAST 70 PROOF VODKA OR BOURBON</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>DRIED, DEHYDRATED AND FREEZE-DRIED FOODS</u></b> Examples: Baking Mixes * Bean Soup Mixes * Cereals * Coffee (roasted or freeze-dried) * Fruit * Fruit Powders * Fruit Roll-Ups * Grain Mixes * Granola * Ground Chocolate * Herbs and Herb Blends * Hot Chocolate Mix * Mole Paste * Pasta * Popcorn * Potato Chips * Seasoning Salt * Spice Mix or Rubs * Tea *Trail Mixes * Vegetables * Vegetable Chips * Vegetable Soup Mixes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>FROSTINGS, ICINGS, FONDANTS, AND GUM PASTES</u></b> THAT DO NOT CONTAIN EGGS, CREAM, OR CREAM CHEESE Examples; Buttercream - traditional, vegan, and chocolate * Fondant - regular and chocolate * Flat Icing * Gum Paste with pasteurized eggs *Edible Images * Sugar Glazes * Vegan Gum Paste *Frostings and Icings made with meringue powder, powder eggs, or pasturized eggs are allowed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>HONEY AND SORGHUM SYRUPS</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>FRUIT BUTTERS, JAMS, JELLIES, AND PRESERVES</u></b> that comply with Part 150 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>NUTS, NUT MIXES, AND NUT BUTTERS</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>PROTEIN POWDER SHAKE MIXES MADE FROM MANUFACTURED INGREDIENTS</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>VINEGARS AND MUSTARDS</u></b> Examples: Mustards without eggs * Vinegars * Fruit-Infused Vinegars using only high-acid fruit such as: apple, blackberry, blueberry, cherry, crabapple, cranberry, grape, gooseberry, grapefruit, huckleberry, kumquat, lemon, lime, loganberry, nectarine, orange, peach, plum, pineapple, pomegranate, quince, raspberry, strawberry, tomatillo, youngberry,

**Zoning Requirements:** (Home Occupation Permit or Special Use Permit)

The cottage food operation shall be in compliance with applicable zoning requirements with the City or County based on site address. Please attach a copy of the zoning approval from the City or County.

**Product Labeling:**

Allow a minimum of eleven business days to review labels

- a. The words “**Made in a Home Kitchen**” or “**Repackaged in a Home Kitchen**” in 12-point type on the primary display panel.
- b. The name commonly used for the food product or an adequately descriptive name.
- c. The name and address of the cottage food operation.
- d. The registration or permit number of the “Class A” or “Class B” Cottage Food Operation.
- e. The name “Tulare County or County of Tulare” must be included on the label.
- f. The ingredients of the cottage food product in descending order of predominance by weight, if the product contains two or more ingredients. In addition, allergen ingredients must be identified.
- g. Net weight statement in English (pound) and Metric (grams)

**Example:**

**MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN**

Cottage Food Operation Permit # 1234, County of Tulare

**Name of Cottage Food Operation**

**Chocolate Chip Cookies**

Kelly Smith, 123 Main St., Your Town, CA, 12345

Ingredients: Enriched Flour (wheat flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamine, mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), Butter (milk, salt), Sugar, Eggs, Chocolate Chips (sugar, chocolate liquor, soy lecithin), Almonds, Peanuts, Baking Soda, Artificial Vanilla Extract Flavoring

**Contains: Wheat, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, milk, and soy** **Net Wt. 3 oz. (85.049g)**

**Self-Certification Checklist:**

Checklist completed (Class A CFO Only)

**Water Source:**

Please check the type of potable water source that will be used in the CFO.

**Public Water Supply** (Provide a copy of a recent water bill for the address of your residence that will be permitted.)

**Private Domestic Well** (Nitrate, Nitrite, and Bacteriological test results must be submitted with application.)

**\*\*\* Thereafter Annual Nitrate, and Quarterly Bacteriological tests will be required**

**Disposal of Waste:**

Please check what type of treatment is used to dispose of waste.

Public Sewer Service

Private Septic System (*If the septic system fails you are required to notify Tulare County Environmental Health immediately.*)



**List of Approved Sources:**

Please list intended sources that will be used to purchase ingredients or products for use in your cottage food operation. Ensure all sources comply with applicable laws.

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*Signature*