



New Cottage Food Operation Label Review Fee Notification

Effective July 1, 2016

Label Review Fee For Cottage Food Operation

Cottage Food Label Review Fee – The **Review Fee** is being added to cover costs of reviewing Cottage Food Labels that are submitted continuously throughout the year by the Tulare County registered cottage food operators. The labels are reviewed to make sure that the cottage foods fall within the state approved label categories, that they are not potentially hazardous, in other words shelf stable, and that they meet labeling requirements and are in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 343 et seq.) The cost of the label review fee will be \$122 per hour.

The cottage food operation label review fee covers the following sections from the Health and Safety Code:

114365.2 (e) A cottage food operation shall properly label all cottage food products in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 323 et seq.).

114365.5 (a) The department shall adopt and post on its internet web site a list of not potentially hazardous foods and their ethnic variations that are approved for sale by a cottage food operation. A cottage food product shall not be a potentially hazardous food.

114381 (d) Any fee for the permit or registration or related services, including, but not limited to, the expenses of inspecting and impounding any utensil suspected of releasing lead or cadmium in violation of section 108860 as authorized by section 114393, review of HACCP plans, and alternative means of compliance shall be determined by the local governing body. Fees shall be sufficient to cover the actual expenses of administering and enforcing this part. The moneys collected as fees shall only be expended for the purpose of administering and enforcing this part.

Questions and Answers

Will the label review fee be applied to CURRENT registered cottage food operators?

The label review fee of \$122 per hour will be effective July 1, 2016 for any label review submittals from current cottage food operators.

Will the label review fee be applied to NEW cottage food operators?

The review fee will not be applied to new cottage food operators during the application and label review process for approval. The review fee will apply to any label reviews submitted after the initial application and permitting process have been approved

How will the total cost be calculated?

The total cost will be calculated base on the amount of time spent reviewing the cottage food labels. The total cost will be prorated in the event that the amount of time spent is not a full hour.