

Just The Facts: Cottage Food Start Up

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What is Cottage Foods?

Cottage Foods legislation allows individual to manufacture, sell and store certain types of products in an unlicensed home kitchen. These products are called cottage foods. Cottage food operations require no license or permit from Florida Department Of Agriculture and Consumer Services and are not inspected by any government agency.

Cottage food earning cannot exceed \$15,000 a year. Products must be sold directly by the cottage food producer to the consumer. The cottage food producer can advertise online but cannot sell or exchange funds online via the mail or retail shop . Items must be hand delivered.

What is Allowed?

Loaf breads, rolls, biscuits
Cakes, pastries and cookies
Candies and confections
Honey
Jams, jellies and preserves
Fruit pies and dried fruits
Dry herbs, seasonings and mix-
tures
Homemade pasta
Cereals, trail mixes and granola
Coated or uncoated nuts
Vinegar and flavored vinegars

What is Not Allowed?

Fresh or dried meat or Jerky
Canned fruits and vegetables, chutneys, vegetable butters
and jellies, flavored oils, hummus, garlic dip, salsas etc.
Fish or shellfish products
Canned pickled products such as corn relish, pickles, sau-
erkraut...Sprouts or raw Sprouts
Barbeque sauces, ketchups and/or mustards
Foccaccia-style breads with vegetables and/or cheeses
Milk and dairy products
Cut fresh fruits and/or vegetables. Juices
made from fresh fruits or vegetables
Ice and/or ice products
Baked goods that require refrigeration

Cottage Food Label

Chocolate Chip Cookies— **name of product**

"Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida's food safety regulations" (10-point type)- **made in cottage food kitchen statement**

Forrager Cookie Company-**name and address of cottage food producer**

123 Chewy Way, Cookietown, FL 73531

Ingredients: enriched flour (wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, iron, thiamin mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), butter (cream, salt), semi-sweet chocolate (sugar, chocolate, cocoa butter, milkfat, soy lecithin, natural flavors), brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs, vanilla extract (vanilla bean extract, alcohol, sugar), baking soda, salt (salt, calcium silicate) -**name of products in descending order**

Contains: milk, eggs, wheat, soy— **allergen information**

NET WT 2 lb 4 oz (1.02 kg)-**net weight or net volume**

Other requirements and questions

*Although it is not a requirement through cottage food legislation you may need to get a standard business license. You can contact to obtain information

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