

## State/Federal Requirements for Food Products

### Louisiana Requirements

The Center for Environmental Health Services (CEHS), within the Office of Public Health (OPH) protects the public's health by enforcing the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The activities of CEHS sanitarians and engineers reduce the likelihood of disease transmission. Water systems are monitored to assure that water is safe to drink. Restaurants, molluscan shellfish growing areas, food and drug manufacturers, and the milk and dairy industry are monitored to assure that Louisiana products are safe for the public. In addition, the CEHS Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology (SEET) monitors possible human exposures to, and health risks from, events related to chemical agents in the environment.

DHH, Office of Public Health, Center for Environmental Health, Sanitarian Services:

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=206>

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#### Contacts for Local Health Department Offices in Northwest Louisiana:

These offices approve plans and specifications for and regularly inspection food facilities within their parish.

##### **Bienville,**

1285 Pine St., Ste. 102,  
Arcadia, 71001,  
Phone: (318) 263-2125

##### **Bossier,**

3022 Old Minden Rd.,  
Bossier City, LA 71112,  
Phone: (318) 741-7314

##### **Caddo,**

1033 Creswell Ave.,  
Shreveport, LA 71101.  
Phone: (318) 676-5265

##### **Claiborne,**

624 W. Main St.,  
Homer, LA 71040,  
Phone: (318) 927-6127

##### **DeSoto,**

120 McEnery St.,  
Mansfield, LA 71052,  
Phone: (318) 872-0472

##### **Lincoln,**

405 E. Georgia Ave.,  
Ruston, 71270,  
Phone: (318) 251-4120

##### **Natchitoches,**

625 Bienville St.,  
Natchitoches, LA 71457,  
Phone: (318) 357-3132

##### **Red River,**

2015 Red Oak Rd.,  
Coushatta, LA 71019,  
Phone: (318) 932-4087

##### **Sabine,**

1230 W. Louisiana Ave.  
Many, LA 71449,  
Phone: (318) 256-4105

##### **Webster,**

1200 Homer Rd.,  
Minden, LA 71055,  
Phone: (318) 371-3044

##### **OR (Webster)**

218 First St. N.E.,  
Springhill, LA 71075,  
Phone: (318) 539-4314

#### Retail Food. Permitting and Inspection:

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/page.asp?id=216&detail=6495>. This web site gives information on the following:

- \* Contacts For Plans Submission And Inspection
- \* How To Open A Food Establishment
- \* Plans Review Form
- \* Pre-opening Checklist
- \* Retail Food Permit Fee Schedule
- \* Sanitary Code

Food Processing <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/page.asp?ID=206&Detail=5858>

The Food and Drug Program of the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals Office of Public Health regulates and monitors the manufacture and processing of food to assure safety and quality.

Commercial Seafood Program:

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/page.asp?ID=206&Detail=5855>

The Commercial Seafood Program issues permits and inspects facilities for processing crabs, crawfish, shrimp, oyster, alligator, fish, caviar, and mullet roe processors and seafood distributors.

Milk and Dairy Control Program:

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/page.asp?ID=206&Detail=5860>

The Milk and Dairy Program permits and inspects dairy farms, dairy plants, powdered milk plants, condensed milk plants, frozen dessert manufacturers, dairy product depots, bulk milk transport vehicles, milk hauler/samplers and milk receivers in the state.

## **Federal Requirements**

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

New Orleans District Office, 6600 Plaza Drive Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70127

Phone - (504) 240-2401, FAX - (504) 240-6360

Carl Draper, District Director

All domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture/process, pack, or hold food (and dietary supplements) for human or animal consumption in the United States must register with the FDA. For more information on starting a food business see

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~comm/foodbiz.html>.

Registration of Food Facilities. <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/%7Efurls/ovffreg.html>

The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act) requires domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States to register with the FDA

Retail Food Stores and Food Service Establishments: Food Security Preventive Measures Guidance. <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/secqui11.html>

Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, Or Holding Human Food  
<http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/cfr110.html>

Food Labeling Guide. <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/flg-toc.html>

Hand Hygiene in Retail & Food Service Establishments.

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~comm/handhyg.html>

FDA Food Code. <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fc05-toc.html>

Nutritional Labeling: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/flg-5-1.html> and

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/flg-5-2.html>

Since 1994 a nutrition label is required on most food packages. Even exempted foods (see Answer to Question 1 on the first web site listed above for a listing of exempted food products) require a nutritional label if a nutritional claim is made.

Testing Laboratories

<http://www.centralanalytical.com/>

<http://www.intertek-cb.com/newsitetest/news/Foodtestlabel19012004.shtml>

[http://www.rtechlabs.com/pdfs/2004\\_price\\_list.pdf](http://www.rtechlabs.com/pdfs/2004_price_list.pdf)

[http://www.rtechlabs.com/nutritional\\_labeling.htm](http://www.rtechlabs.com/nutritional_labeling.htm)

<http://www.ciilab.com/>

<http://www.800certlab.com/about.htm>

<http://energyent.com/Labels & Analysis.htm>

<http://www.qclaboratories.com/>

<http://fpc.unl.edu/LaboratoryServices/nutritional.htm>

### Small Manufacturer Exemption from Nutritional Food Labeling Requirements

21 CFR 101.9

U) The following foods are exempt from this section or are subject to special labeling requirements:

(1)(i) Food offered for sale by a person who makes direct sales to consumers (e.g., a retailer) who has annual gross sales made or business done in sales to consumers that is not more than \$500,000 or has annual gross sales made or business done in sales of food to consumers of not more than \$50,000, Provided, That the food bears no nutrition claims or other nutrition information in any context on the label or in labeling or advertising. Claims or other nutrition information subject the food to the provisions of this section.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, calculation of the amount of sales shall be based on the most recent 2-year average of business activity. Where firms have been in business less than 2 years, reasonable estimates must indicate that annual sales will not exceed the amounts specified. For foreign firms that ship foods into the United States, the business activities to be included shall be the total amount of food sales, as well as other sales to consumers, by the firm in the United States, and

21 CFR 101.9

(18) Food products that are low-volume (that is, they meet the requirements for units sold in paragraphs U)(18)(i) or (j)(18)(ii) of this section); that, except as provided in paragraph U)(18)(iv) of this section, are the subject of a claim for an exemption that provides the information required under paragraph (j)(18)(iv) of this section, that is filed before the beginning of the time period for which the exemption is claimed, and that is filed by a person, whether it is the manufacturer, packer, or distributor, that qualifies to claim the exemption under the requirements for average full-time equivalent employees in paragraphs (j)(18)(i) or (j)(18)(ii) of this section; and whose labels, labeling, and advertising do not provide nutrition information or make a nutrient content or health claim.

UPC Bar Code, [http://www.uc-council.org/ean\\_ucc\\_system/membership/need\\_upc.htm](http://www.uc-council.org/ean_ucc_system/membership/need_upc.htm)

In order for your company to print U.P.C. bar code symbols, your company will need to become a member of GS1 US Partner Connections. When you become a member, your company will be assigned an identification number for your company's use (company prefix). You will need this number to create your own U.P.C.s.

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