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COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS (CFOs) SELF CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

The following requirements are outlined in the Cottage Food Operations (CFO) regulations and are provided as minimum standards of health and safety for the preparation of approved cottage foods in the home.

CFO Business Name:		CFO	Owner Name	:			
CFO Address:			CFO City:		(CFO ZIP:	
Phone:	FA			PR		PE	

Above bold boxes for office use only.

Fa	cility Requirements:	Yes	No
1.	The CFO is located in a private dwelling where the CFO operator currently resides.		
2.	All CFO food preparation will take place in the CFO's private kitchen within that home.		
3.	Additional storage used for the CFO will be within the home.		
	a. If YES, is the room used exclusively for storage?		
	b. Specify the room(s) that will be used for storage:		
4.	Sleeping quarters are excluded from areas used for CFO food preparation or storage.		

Zo	ning Requirements:	Yes	No
5.	I have complied with the applicable zoning requirements for the CFO.		
6.	I have attached documentation from the zoning office.		

Em	ployee and Training Requirements:	Yes	No
7.	Have all persons preparing or packaging CFO products completed the CDPH food processor course?		
	a. If YES, copies of certificates are attached.		
	b. If NO, complete course within 3 months of CFO registration.		
8.	The CFO has no more than 1 full-time equivalent employee? (Immediate family or household members are not included.)		



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Sanitation Requirements:	Yes	No
9. Kitchen equipment and utensils used to produce CFO products are clean and maintained in a good state of repair.		
10. All food contact surfaces, equipment, and utensils used for the preparation, packaging, or handling of any CFO products shall be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before each use.		
 All food preparation and food and equipment storage areas shall be maintained free of rodents and insects. 		
Food Preparation Requirements (includes packaging and handling):	Yes	No
12. Hand washing is required immediately prior to handling foods and after engaging in any activity that contaminates the hands such as after using the toilet, coughing or sneezing, eating or smoking.		
13. Warm water, hand soap and single use paper towels are available and must be used for hand washing.		
14. All food ingredients used in the CFO products are from an approved source.		
15. Potable water shall be used for hand washing, ware washing and as an ingredient.		
16. Is your water source a private well?		
a.If YES, have you had the well water sampled for total coliform bacteria (initially & every quarter) and Nitrate(initially & annually) then submitted results to this department		
17. Is your water source a public water system or community service district?		
a.If YES, what is the name of the system or district?		
During the preparation, packaging or handling of CFO products:		
18. Domestic activities such as family meal preparation, dishwashing, clothes washing or ironing, kitchen cleaning or guest entertainment are excluded from the kitchen.		
19. Infants, small children, or pets are excluded from the kitchen.		
20. Smoking is excluded.		
21. Any person with a contagious illness shall refrain from work in the CFO.		



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Labeling Requirements:	Yes	No
22. Copies of product labels have been submitted to this Department for review and approval.		
23. I have attached a sample label(s).		

By signing below you are certifying that you meet the requirements of the California Homemade Food Act, AB 1616 (Gatto) as it pertains to a Cottage Food Operation. Prior to making any changes, I acknowledge that I must notify Kings County Environmental Health Services of any intended changes to the above statement. Cottage Food Operator Checklist completed and submitted by:

Signature

Print Name

Date