



Understanding the Basics of **Pennsylvania Food Establishments & Cottage Food Regulations** **Resources**

Pennsylvania Statutes & Regulations

- The Retail Food Facility Safety Act as revised by Act 106 of 2010
<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/pa-statecollege/6964cef1-5b89-4a27-bdb3-700fb172d68f/pda-act-106-of-2010-chapter-57-and-chapter-65.pdf?sq=2eadc461-5eae-602b-ba38-92dd3b0ab51d&scope=all>
- The Food Safety Act as revised by Act 106 of 2010
<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/pa-statecollege/6964cef1-5b89-4a27-bdb3-700fb172d68f/pda-act-106-of-2010-chapter-57-and-chapter-65.pdf?sq=2eadc461-5eae-602b-ba38-92dd3b0ab51d&scope=all>
- 7 Pa. Code § 46. Food Code
<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/007/chapter46/chap46toc.html&d=edu>

General Resources—U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- 2022 Food Code (the most recent version) <https://www.fda.gov/media/164194/download?attachment>

General Resources—Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA)

- Retail Food Facilities and Restaurants <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/pda/food-safety/retail-food/retail-food-facilities-and-restaurants.html>
 - Application Packet—Retail Food Facilities and Restaurants
<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/pda/food-safety/retail-food/retail-food-facilities-and-restaurants.html>
- Commercial Food Establishments <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/pda/food-safety/food-manufacturing-packing-holding-and-distribution/commercial-food-establishments.html>
 - Application Packet—Food Establishment Registration https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pda/documents/consumer_protection/foodsafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/documents/Application%20Packet%20-%20Food%20Establishment%20Registration%2011.2023.pdf
- Limited Food Establishments <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/pda/food-safety/limited-food-establishment-.html>
 - Application Packet—Limited Food Establishment
https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pda/documents/consumer_protection/foodsafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/documents/Limited%20Food%20Establishment%20Application%20Packet.pdf
 - Guideline for Honey Processors https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pda/documents/consumer_protection/foodsafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/commercial-food-establishments/documents/GUIDELINE%20FOR%20HONEY%20PROCESSORS%20pdf%20version.pdf
 - Guideline for Maple Syrup Processors
https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pda/documents/consumer_protection/foodsafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/commercial-food-establishments/documents/Guideline%20for%20Maple%20Syrup%20Processors.pdf



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- Guideline for Brewing-Bottling Kombucha
https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pda/documents/consumer_protection/foodsafety/manufacturing-packing-holding-distribution/documents/Guidelines%20for%20brewing-bottling%20Kombucha.pdf
- Guideline for Canning of Acid, Acidified, Fermented Food & Beverages
https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pda/documents/consumer_protection/foodsafety/documents/canning-%20limited%20food%20establishments%201.11.24.pdf

Other Resources

- The National Agricultural Law Center (NALC), “Cottage Food” Laws
<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/state-compilations/cottagefood/>
- The National Agricultural Law Center (NALC), Update on Cottage Food Laws—2024 Proposed Legislation (February 2024) <https://nationalaglawcenter.org/update-on-cottage-food-laws-2024-proposed-legislation/>
- Penn State Extension, Food for Profit: Working with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (November 2022) <https://extension.psu.edu/food-for-profit-working-with-the-pennsylvania-department-of-agriculture>
- Harvard Law School, Food Law and Policy Clinic, Cottage Foods and Home Cooking: Fifty-State Survey of Laws (Updated as of December 2021) <https://chlp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Cottage-Foods-Final-4.4.pdf>
- Harvard Law School, Food Law and Policy Clinic, Cottage Food Laws in the United States (August 2018) https://chlp.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/FLPC_Cottage-Foods-Report_August-2018.pdf