

Compact Mobile Food Operations (CMFO)

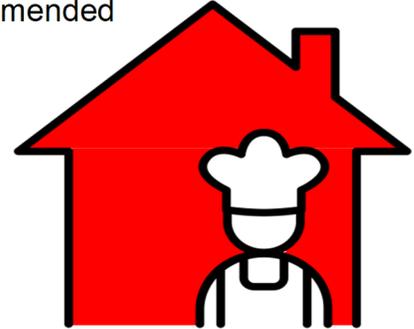
Extension of Cottage Food Operations

Effective January 1, 2023, the California Retail Food Code was amended with the passage of SB972 to allow permitted Cottage Food Operations to extend their food sales on a Compact Mobile Food Operation (i.e., food cart) and to approve of the storage of the food cart within the approved private home.

Below are requirements for Class B Cottage Food Operations (CFO) operators if the CFO Class B decides to store Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO) in a private home.

The Environmental Health Division may allow for storage of up to two CMFO in their private home.

A site evaluation of the permitted CFO Class B will be conducted to ensure the proposed storage and support of the CMFOs meet the requirements of the California Retail Food Code and safeguards public health.



FOOD STORAGE AND UTENSILS



- Ensure there is adequate space for additional food storage and preparation of approved cottage food products
- All food must be from an approved source.
- Food must be stored so that it is elevated 6" off the floor and protected from any contamination.
- Identify the location within the home that will be used for food storage.
- Food must be protected from contamination, rodents, and other vermin at all times.
- Ensure all prepackaged non-perishable foods are properly labeled.

CART STORAGE AREA



- Identify the storage area where the food cart(s) will be stored.
- Storage location must be fully enclosed, vermin proofed, and maintained clean.
- Submit a procedure on how the cart will be cleaned prior to use and identify how liquid waste will be disposed using a public sewer or private septic system.

To get more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Plan Check Program at (626) 430-5560.

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