

# Cottage Food Operation [CFO A & B] How to Get Started

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## DETERMINE YOUR FOOD ITEMS

- What type of food will you be selling?
- Are your food item(s) on the approved Cottage Food list?
- Can your home kitchen support your menu?

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## DETERMINE WHO YOU WILL SELL TO

Are you selling food:

- Directly to consumer? (CFO A)
- Directly to consumer and/or indirectly through a third party retailer, such as a food market? (CFO B)

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## OBTAIN THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION OR PERMIT

### CFO A (Require Registration)

- Register with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health
- Submit the online application

### CFO B (Require Permit)

- Obtain a Public Health Permit from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, by submitting the online application
- Submit an approved self-certification checklist
- After the application, supporting documents, and fees have been paid an inspection appointment will be scheduled

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## SUBMIT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

### CFO A & B

- Sample labels for products
- Copy of:
  - Business license from the city where CFO will be operating
    - Business license not required for CFO A
  - Seller's Permit from the State Board of Equalization
    - Seller's Permit not required for CFO A
  - Food Handler Card

### If applicable:

- Articles of Organization (LLC) and Statement of Information
- Articles of Incorporation and Statement of Information
- IRS issued letter assigning the Tax I.D.
- Valid government issued photo I.D.
- Recent private well-water laboratory analysis results



For more information, visit:  
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