Organic food processing operations must register with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) or the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), prior to the first sale of product.

**DO I REGISTER WITH CDFA OR CDPH?**

**CDFA**
Processors and handlers of processed meat, fowl, or dairy products, and retailers that are engaged in the processing or handling of processed products sold as organic.

**CDPH**
Processors and handlers of processed/manufactured products for human consumption that are not part of the CDFA categories above, including dietary supplements, alcoholic beverages, fish or seafood; and processors or handlers of animal food and cosmetics sold as organic.

**Cottage Food Operation (CFO)**
A CFO is an operation at a private home or dwelling where specific low-risk food products that do not require refrigeration are made or repackaged for sale to consumers.

**CFO Requirements**
- Meet registration/permitting requirements for Class A (direct sales only) or Class B (direct and indirect sales)
- Complete a CDPH approved food processor course
- Obtain approval from the local city or county planning department
- Meet CFO food preparation and sanitation requirements
- Label cottage food products in accordance with state and federal regulations
- Do not exceed $50,000 in gross annual sales

**Organic CFOs**
*In addition to meeting general CFO requirements, organic CFOs must also*
- Register with the CDFA
- Comply with state and federal organic regulations

**Gross Sales Limit**
Once a CFO exceeds gross sales of $50,000, the operation must move to a commercial processing facility and register with CDPH under the Processed Food Registration Program.

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READY TO START YOUR ORGANIC PROCESSOR REGISTRATION?

Connect with us at
WWW.CDFA.CA.GOV/IS/
OR
WWW.CDPH.CA.GOV

To Learn more about Cottage Food Operations and all the requirements, visit the following URLs

**Cottage Food Operations**
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/CottageFoodOperations.aspx

**Approved Cottage Foods**
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/CottageFood/Approved%20Cottage%20Food%20List%20for%20Web%20July%202018.pdf

**Local Health Offices**
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/pages/localhealthservicesandoffices.aspx#