



## FACT SHEET • Ohio Department of Agriculture



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### COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION

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With the recent passage of Amended Substitute Senate Bill 136 the “Cottage Food Production Operation” (CFPO) has come into existence. It is a new type of home-based food operation.

- CFPO is defined in Chapter 3715 of the Revised Code.
- CFPO must operate from a standard home kitchen (also defined in Chapter 3715 of the Revised Code).
- The foods a CFPO may process are stipulated in the Revised Code (non-potentially hazardous baked goods, jams, jellies, fruit butters, candies, etc.). Any additions to this list must be adopted in rules by the Director of Agriculture.
- A CFPO is not permitted to process potentially hazardous foods, can/process low-acid foods and acidified foods.
- A CFPO must follow the labeling requirements established in the Chapter 3715 of the Revised Code as well as the federal labeling requirements where applicable (i.e. Nutritional labeling when a health claim is made).
- A CFPO must place the statement “This Product is Home Produced” on their labels.
- A CFPO is exempt from regulation by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- A CFPO is exempt from licensing as a retail food establishment.
- Food products processed by a CFPO that are properly labeled are acceptable to be sold or used as an approved source in retail food establishments and food service operations.

[Click here](#) to review basic information about this type of firm.

**Home Bakery:** The Home Bakery registration and inspection via the Ohio Department of Agriculture will only apply to a home based firm that “bakes” potentially hazardous bakery products.

Please contact our office if you have additional questions about these firms. Thank you.