



Limited Food Manufacturing

Limited food manufacturing is the production of a single food product, or a limited food product line. Examples of these types of foods are candies, baked items, sauces, salsas or dry mixes.

Limited food manufactures are required to get an operating permit from the Health Department. Food item(s) must be prepared in an approved, permitted food establishment.

Plan Review

Limited food manufacturers who plan to construct the food establishment where food is produced are required to follow the standard plan review procedures before an operating permit is issued. For the plan review requirements, contact the Pima County Development Services Department at 520-740-6490.

Modified Plan Review

If the limited food manufacturer uses a food establishment that it does not hold the permit for, a modified plan review is conducted. The following information must be submitted, in writing, along with the plan review and inspection fees.

1. A notarized, written agreement between the food manufacturer and the food establishment's permit holder. In the agreement the permit holder must authorize the manufacturer to use the food establishment, and state that all food ingredients, finished food products and food equipment are stored at the food establishment.
2. A complete list of food products being made and sold.
3. A list of the ingredients and a description of the methods used to produce the product.
4. A list of the food equipment used. The specifications for any uncommon or specialty food equipment is required.
5. The types of packaging for the product.
6. A sample of the labeling that meets the requirements of the *Arizona Food Code*, Chapter 3-602.11.

Quality Assurance

To insure the safety and shelf stability of the food products, the Health Department may require testing. Arrangements for testing and provision of the test results to the Health Department are the responsibility of the manufacturer.

Final Approval

After the proposal is reviewed, a field inspection of the food establishment is conducted. The manufacturer must submit an application for the operating permit and pay the fees before this field inspection. The manufacturer's staff must be able to comply with the *Arizona Food Code*, Chapter 2-102.11 by the date of the field inspection. Only when the food establishment is approved by the Health Department can food preparation begin.