



LEGAL ISSUES FOR FOOD BASED BUSINESS

Who Regulates Your Business

Find your regulator by knowing the following:

1. What you're making
2. Where you're making it
3. How you're selling it

Federal Overview

- FDA Facility Registration
- Qualified Facility Attestation
- FSMA Preventive Controls
- USDA FSIS

Determine Your License

▼ Determine which license you need.

Use the guide below or call 802-863-7221 for help determining which license(s) you need.

LICENSE TYPE	IS NEEDED FOR:
Restaurant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All seated foodservice • Anywhere food is prepared and served for onsite foodservice.
Commercial Caterer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takeout-only foodservice (no seating) • Food trucks • Food trailers • Push carts • Offsite caterers
Temporary Foodservice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary setup for sales at farmers markets, fairs, events, etc. Apply for temporary foodservice ↻
Limited Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foodservice limited to hot dogs and/or cold sandwiches.
Seafood Vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling seafood products at retail.
Shellfish Reshipper/Repacker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing or breaking down shellfish into smaller lots for wholesale or retail sale.

Resources



Vermont Dept of Health Licensing

- Retail Food Service License
- Manufactured Food Establishment License
- Home Based Exemptions Act 42



Farmers Market

- [Legal tool guide](#)



Food Venture Center

- [Farm and Food Business Advising](#)



FDA

- [Food Labeling Guide](#)

USDA

- [Organic Certification](#)

FTC

- [Made in USA Rules](#)

NEED LEGAL SERVICES?

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