



## **Alabama Cottage Food Law Information**

“Cottage Food Operation” means a person operating out of his or her home who meets the following requirements:

- Produces cottage food for sale
- Sells and/or delivers the food produced in a cottage food operation only directly to consumers, whether in-person, by phone, or online within the state
- Completes a food safety course approved by the department and
- Labels all cottage foods that the operation sells (See labeling requirements below)
- Completes and submits a cottage food review form to his/her local county health department

“Cottage Food” means a non-potentially hazardous food that has been prepared in a person’s home that does not require time or temperature control for safety to limit pathogenic microorganism growth or toxin formation and that does not include meat, poultry, or fish, but can include the following:

- Cakes, breads, Danish pastries, donuts, pastries, and pies
- Jam, jellies, and fruit preserves
- Candy
- Dried and dehydrated herbs, herb mixes, vegetables, or fruits
- Roasted coffee
- Dried baking mixes
- Fermented or preserved vegetables or fruit that do not result in the production of alcohol and that have an acidity level allowed by the department as defined in Chapter 1 of the Food Code under time/temperature control for safety food

Label Requirements: All the following must be included on each food produced in a cottage food operation in at least 10-point font:

- The common or usual name of the food
- The name of the cottage food operation
- The home or P.O. Box address of the cottage food operation
- A list of the ingredients in the food in descending order of predominance
- A statement that the food is not inspected by the health department
- Disclaimer that the food may contain allergens

*For more information contact your local county health department.*