

California cottage food label checklist

What a California cottage food label must show, from our California guide. Tick each line before you print.

Required statement (CDPH, Labeling Requirements for Cottage Food Products (Rev. 1/2025), item 3), word for word:

Made in a Home Kitchen

Type size: 12-point type on the principal display panel.

	Element	What to print	Rule
☐	Common or descriptive name	On the principal display panel (the front).	CDPH item 1
☐	Name, city and ZIP of the CFO	Plus the street address if you are not listed in a current telephone directory. A phone number or email is optional.	CDPH item 2
☐	Home kitchen statement	"Made in a Home Kitchen" (or "Repackaged in a Home Kitchen"), 12-point, on the principal display panel.	CDPH item 3
☐	Registration or permit number + county	Your CFO registration or permit number and the name of the county whose enforcement agency issued it.	CDPH item 4
☐	Ingredients	In descending order of predominance by weight, if the product has two or more ingredients.	CDPH item 5
☐	Net quantity	Count, weight or volume, in both English (pound) units and metric (grams).	CDPH item 6
☐	Allergens	Declared in plain language in a "Contains" statement or within the ingredient list.	CDPH item 7
☐	Nutrition Facts	Generally not required, unless the label makes a nutrient content claim or a health claim.	CDPH items 8-10
☐	Legible, in English	Accurate translations into other languages are optional.	CDPH item 11

Federal label rules to check too (ask your state agency how they apply to you): every required line at least 1/16 inch tall on the lower case "o" (21 CFR 101.2(c)); allergens named the federal way, including sesame (21 U.S.C. 343(w)); net weight in the bottom 30% of the front (21 CFR 101.7(f)).

Full rules, sources and an example label: easyfoodlabels.com/cottage-food-label/california