

Illinois cottage food label checklist

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

Required statement (410 ILCS 625/4(b)(7)(E)), word for word:

This product was produced in a home kitchen not inspected by a health department that may also process common food allergens. If you have safety concerns, contact your local health department.

Type size: In prominent lettering. The statute sets no point size.

	Element	What to print	Rule
☐	Name of the operation and where it is located	Your business name and the unit of local government (city or county) where your cottage food operation is located.	410 ILCS 625/4(b)(7)(A)
☐	Registration number and where you registered	The identifying registration number on your certificate of registration, and the municipality or county where you registered.	625/4(b)(7)(B)
☐	Common or usual name	For example "Banana Bread".	625/4(b)(7)(C)
☐	All ingredients	Including any color, artificial flavor and preservative, in descending order by predominance of weight, by their common or usual names.	625/4(b)(7)(D)
☐	Home kitchen statement	The two sentences shown above, in prominent lettering.	625/4(b)(7)(E)
☐	Date processed	The date the product was processed.	625/4(b)(7)(F)
☐	Allergens	As federal labeling requires: in the ingredient list or a "Contains" line.	625/4(b)(7)(G)
☐	Net weight	IDPH's cottage food labeling sheet lists net weight among the required items.	IDPH Cottage Food Labeling

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/illinois