

Texas cottage food label checklist

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

Required statement (Texas Health & Safety Code 437.0193(b)(2), as amended by SB 541), word for word:

THIS PRODUCT WAS PRODUCED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTAL LICENSING OR INSPECTION.

Type size: No size set for the disclosure; the TCS safe-handling statement must be at least 12-point.

Safe-handling statement (TCS foods, at least 12-point):

SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: To prevent illness from bacteria, keep this food refrigerated or frozen until the food is prepared for consumption.

	Element	What to print	Rule
☐	Name of the cottage food operation	Your business name.	HSC 437.0193(b)(1)
☐	Address, or DSHS ID number	Your address, or the unique identification number DSHS gives you when you register, printed instead.	437.0193(b)(1) and (b-1)
☐	Disclosure	The all-caps sentence shown above.	437.0193(b)(2)
☐	Common or usual name	For example "Cream Cheese Kolaches".	DSHS cottage food page; 25 TAC 229.661(d)(1)(B)
☐	Major food allergens	Any major food allergen the food is made with; DSHS gives eggs, tree nuts, soy, peanuts, milk, wheat and sesame as examples.	DSHS cottage food page; 25 TAC 229.661(d)(1)(C)
☐	Legible writing	Easy to read; handwritten is fine if legible.	DSHS page; 25 TAC 229.661(d)(2)
☐	Date made (TCS foods)	The date the food was made, on the label.	437.0193(e)(1)
☐	Safe-handling statement (TCS foods)	The statement shown above, at least 12-point, on the label or on the invoice or receipt.	437.0193(e)(2)
☐	Batch number	A unique number for each batch of pickled fruit or vegetables, fermented vegetables or plant-based acidified canned goods.	25 TAC 229.661(f)(3)(A); DSHS page
☐	Date made (sold by a cottage food vendor)	When a registered vendor resells your food, the label must show the date it was made.	437.01965(c)

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/texas