

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SALES AT CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS

San Mateo County Environmental Health allows for the sale of noncertified food products adjacent to Certified Farmer's Markets (CFM) providing the all of the following requirements are met.

A permitted Mobile Food Facility (MFF) vehicle must be kept on site during the sale of unpackaged and/or potentially hazardous food items (i.e. perishable items requiring temperature control). All food and equipment transportation shall occur within the permitted MMF vehicle.

Only prepackaged "nonpotentially hazardous" foods will be allowed to be sold from permitted tables or display fixtures. The presence of the MFF vehicle need not be present during sales operation. All food storage sales and display must occur from the permitted item (i.e. table, case).

Tables and displays that are used at CFM's are considered part of the MFF vehicle and must be "portable", capable of being moved into the permitted vehicle for cleaning and storage at the approved commissary. (113868)

Approved tables require a permit sticker to be physically attached to them during routine inspection. Only two equipment pieces will be issued permit stickers. These stickers must be associated with the CFM mobile food vehicle. Additional permits may obtained as allowed by the local fee ordinance.

The name of the facility, city, state, ZIP Code and name of the operator shall be legible and clearly visible to patrons, during operation. The facility name shall be at least three inches high and all other lettering be at least one inch in height.

Food preparation is prohibited at certified farmers' markets. All food preparation shall occur at the commissary. Distribution of food samples is allowed provided that the following sanitary conditions exist:

- A. Overhead protection is required for the table or display (i.e. umbrella)
- B. Samples shall be kept in approved, clean covered containers.
- C. The producer shall distribute all food samples in a sanitary manner.
- D. Potable water shall be available for hand washing and sanitizing as approved by the local enforcement agency.
- E. Hand washing water shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the local enforcement agency.

Processed foods must be properly packaged and labeled. Labeling of packaged foods must include: name and address of the manufacturer, producer, or distributor; accurate statement of quantity of the contents in terms of weight, measure or numerical count; name of product; ingredients, if two or more ingredients are present, listed by order of their predominance by weight, e.g. peanuts, salt. (113980) (114021(b))