Cottage Food Operation Labeling Guide

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 446 has been amended to exempt a cottage food operation from being designated a food establishment and sets requirements for registration with the health authority, the food types allowed, package labeling, and sale of food items.

NRS Chapter 446 includes labeling requirements of food prepared by cottage food operations. Food packaging must be affixed with labeling that:

- Complies with the federal labeling requirements set forth in 21 U.S.C. 343(w), 9 C.F.R. Part 317 and 21 C.F.R. Part 101 (General label content outlined below), and
- Labeled with “MADE IN A COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION” printed prominently on the food item label.

Basic Labeling Requirements

All required labeling information should be printed prominently and conspicuously in English. Print size should be no smaller than one-sixteenth of an inch based on the lower case letter “o” and include:

1. Statement of identity - the common, usual name or descriptive identity of the packaged food item.
2. Net quantity of contents
   - Net weight in ounces, pounds, or grams, or
   - Net content in fluid ounces pints or liters, or number of pieces
3. Ingredient statement - a list of all ingredients, in descending order of predominance by weight. This includes listing all ingredients of an ingredient that in itself contains two or more ingredients.
4. The name and address where the product was manufactured, packaged or distributed.
5. Declaration of any food allergen contained in the food, unless the food source is already part of the common or usual name of the product or clearly identified in the ingredient list.
   - Major food allergens include milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts and soybeans and any ingredient that contains protein derived from one of these.
   - It must be included in one of two ways:
     o In parentheses following the name of the ingredient. Examples: lecithin (soy), flour (wheat), and whey (milk); or
     o Immediately after or next to the list of ingredients in a "contains" statement. Example: Contains wheat, milk and soy.

Reminder: As outlined in NRS Chapter 446, food items that may be manufactured in a cottage food operation are limited to the following

- nuts and nut mixes
- candies, jams, jellies, and preserves
- vinegar and flavored vinegar
- dried herbs and seasoning mixes
- dried fruits, cereals, trail mixes, and granola
- popcorn and popcorn balls
- baked goods that are not potentially hazardous foods, do not contain home canned foods, do not contain cream, uncooked egg, custard meringue or cream cheese frosting or garnishes and do not require time or temperature controls for food safety.