

Cottage Food Business Labeling Requirements

Products must be labeled with the following information:

- The name and address of the cottage food business (a P.O. BOX is not permissible);
- The name of the cottage food product;
- The ingredients of the cottage food product in descending order of the amount of each ingredient by weight;
- The net weight or net volume of the cottage food product
- Allergen information as specified by federal labeling requirements as defined in COMAR 10.15.03.02. A major food allergen means: milk, egg, fish (such as bass, flounder, or cod, etc.), shellfish (such as crab, lobster, or shrimp, etc.), tree nuts (such as almonds, pecans, or walnuts, etc.), wheat, peanuts, soy or a food ingredient that contains protein derived from milk, egg, fish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, or soybeans;
- Nutritional information as specified by federal labeling requirements, if any nutritional information claim is made; and
- Required Font: Printed in 10 point or larger type in a color that provides a clear contrast to the background of the label: “Made by a cottage food business that is not subject to Maryland’s food safety regulations.”

Sample Label:

<p style="text-align: center;">Bonnie’s Baked Goods 206 North Commerce Street Centreville, MD 21617</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chocolate Chip Cookies</p> <p>Ingredients: Flour, Semisweet Chocolate Chips, Butter, Sugar, Brown Sugar, Walnuts, Eggs, Vanilla Extract, Water, Baking Soda, Salt. Allergens: Contains Wheat, Eggs, Milk, Soy, Tree Nuts. Net Wt: 17.6 Ounces (or Net Volume: 6 cookies)</p> <p>Made by a cottage food business that is not subject to Maryland’s food safety regulations</p>
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