AgriForaging Food Safety

Federal Compliance Made Easy

A Checklist for **Meeting State & Federal Food Safety** Regulations

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UNDERSTAND THE REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

Know Your Authorities: Familiarize yourself with key regulatory bodies such as the FDA and USDA.

IMPLEMENT A HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP)

HACCP Planning: Keep your food safe from biological, chemical and physical food safety hazards. HACCP Hotline: Use the free & confidential AgriForaging Food Safety HACCP Hotline: 845-481-0820

ENSURE PROPER LABELING

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Accurate Information: Labels must include ingredients, allergens, net weight, & manufacturer details. Comply with Labeling Laws: Follow the FDA & USDA guidelines for labeling requirements.

) MAINTAIN HYGIENE AND SANITATION STANDARDS

Employee Training: Train staff on proper hygiene and sanitation practices. *Clean Facilities:* Regularly clean and sanitize all equipment and surfaces. *Pest Control:* Implement a pest control program.

) FOLLOW GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES (GMPS)

Facility Maintenance: Ensure your facility meets structural and sanitary requirements. *Process Controls:* Maintain consistent & safe processing practices.

) CONDUCT REGULAR AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

Internal Audits: Schedule regular internal audits to ensure compliance. *Prepare for Official Inspections:* Keep all documentation & practices in line with regulatory standards.

MANAGE ALLERGENS PROPERLY

Prevent Cross-Contamination: Implement strict procedures to avoid cross-contact. **Label Allergens Clearly:** Ensure all allergen information is clearly labeled on products.

IMPLEMENT TRACEABILITY SYSTEMS

Track Ingredients: Maintain records of where ingredients come from & where products go. *Recall Procedures:* Have a clear plan in place for efficiently handling recalls if necessary.

COMPLY WITH STATE REGULATIONS

Know State Laws: Each state may have additional regulations. Stay informed about state-specific requirements.

Local Health Departments: Work with local health departments to ensure compliance.

(10) STAY EDUCATED AND INFORMED

Continuous Learning: Regularly attend training sessions, workshops, and seminars on food safety and compliance.

For support, AgriForaging Food Safety is here to help every step of the way.