

Follow this checklist to meet state & federal regulations, protect consumers, and ensure food safety.

UNDERSTAND THE REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

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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

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

3) ENSURE PROPER LABELING

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

(4) 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.

(5) FOLLOW GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES (GMPS)

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

(6) 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.

7 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.