



Texas Department of State Health Services FOOD LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

**According to Chapters 431 and 432 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, DSHS
Foods Group licenses and inspects the following firms:**

- Food manufacturers
- Private-label manufacturers
- Bottled/vended water and ice processors
- Acidified food processors
- Low-acid canned food processors
- Food wholesalers and distributors
- Food warehouses
- Salvage operators and brokers

WARNING

Firms required to license with DSHS can be subject to fines of up to \$25,000 per day for not being properly licensed.

Does your firm engage in any of the following activities?

- Process or repack food for wholesale?
- Package or repack food to be placed out for customer self-service in a retail setting?
- Place your firm's name and address on the label of a product actually manufactured by another firm (private-label manufacturer)?
- Buy, store, and sell food wholesale?
- Receive, broker, and/or recondition distressed food products (Salvage) for wholesale or retail?
- Operate a warehouse and store food products which are owned by other firms?

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY OF THESE, YOU NEED TO LICENSE WITH DSHS.

