

Acidified Foods
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Webinar Q & A

Q: Is the review by the State not required for just Acidified products? We've been told State approval is required for all HACCPs

A: No, the review, approval and ongoing monitoring comes from the LPHA. Our agency can aid you by evaluating a plan to ensure it meets regulatory requirements in the food code.

Q: Do facilities that are inspected by the Manufactured Food Program get a permit or a license that LPHAs can check?

A: No, they won't get a permit or license. The State of Missouri doesn't have a licensing program at this time for manufactured food operations. We would do an inspection. So, if you need to determine if the food should be from an approved source, I would ask for their inspection report. They should have a copy of an inspection report for evidence that the program has been there. If you have a question about whether a facility has been inspected, you can always check with the program. We do maintain a database of the places we've inspected, and we should be able to confirm that we've been there.

Q: If an individual has told me about an uninspected acidified food, do I need to have them file a complaint or can I reach out to them without that?

A: If the person is wholesaling the product, you can have them file a complaint or you can give us their information. We would need basic information like where they were at, pictures of the product, and where that product was found at retail. If it's a retail operation that would fall under the retail food code, you would follow up yourself. We do have some businesses in the state that are co-packers. Co-packers will manufacture products for other businesses. So, when you look at the label, you might not see anything that really indicates that that manufacturer made that product. It might say "manufactured for" and then have the name of this business. You're correct for wanting some confirmation on whether that product has been produced in an appropriate manner and should be from an approved source.