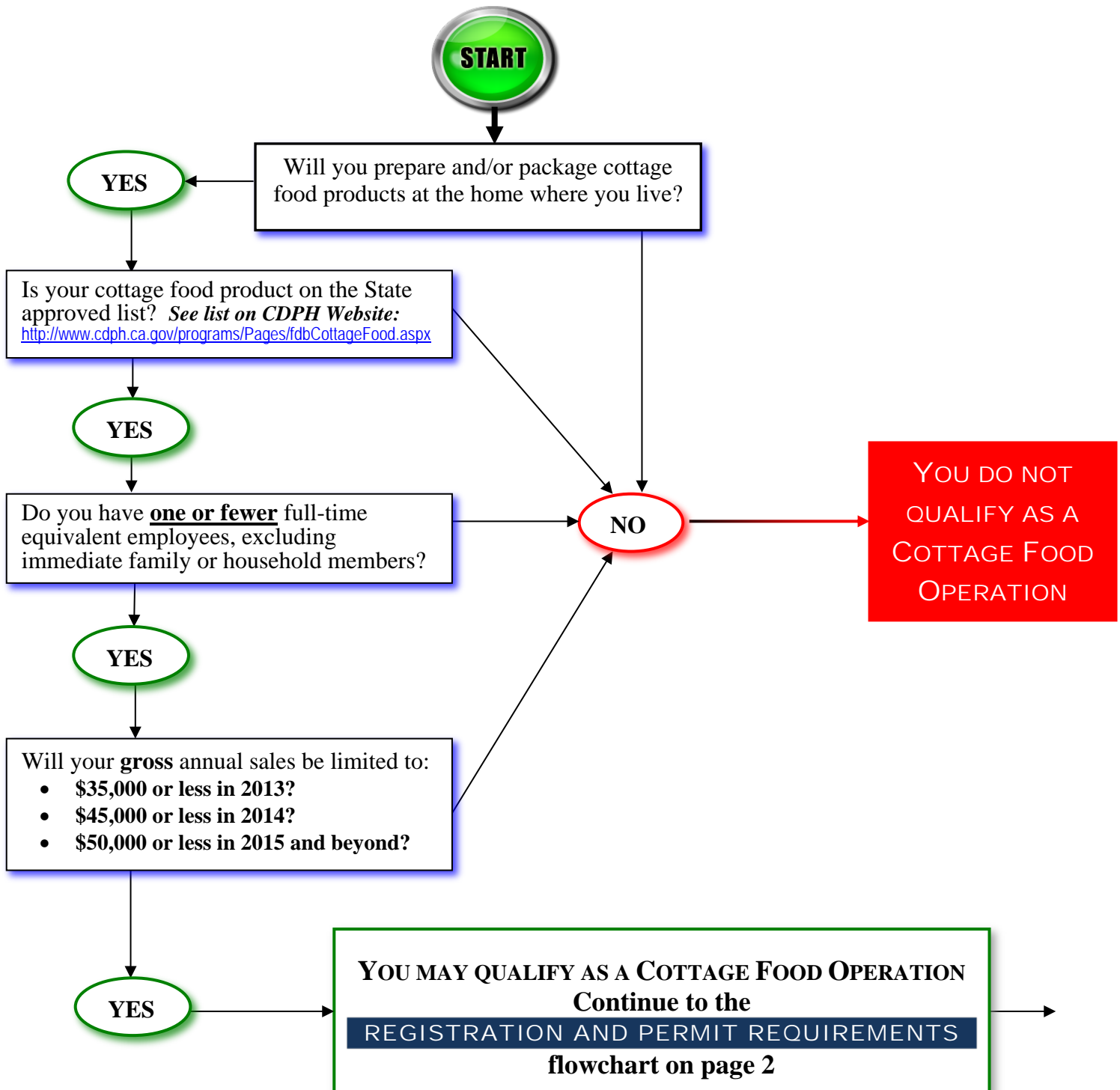


# DO YOU QUALIFY AS A COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION?



# REGISTRATION AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**START**

Have you contacted your local Planning Department to verify if there are any permitting requirements?

**YES**

**NO**

Contact your local Planning Department for more information.

How will you be selling the approved cottage food products you will be making?

**Direct to the consumer and/or Indirect through retailers.**

**Direct to the consumer.**

Production of approved CFO food for indirect sales requires a permit, fee and inspection from Env. Health (EH)

You are classified a "Class A" facility.

You are classified a "Class B" facility.

Complete and submit the following Environmental Health forms and their attachments for approval:

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- CFO Registration/Permit application
- Self-certification checklist (Class A)
- Environmental Health application
- Pay applicable fees.

- CFO Registration/Permit application
- Operational Statement (Class B)
- Environmental Health application
- Pay applicable fees.

Do you plan off-site direct sales such as at a community event, farmer's market, swap meet? Will products be sold by weight?

Are the retail food facilities for your indirect sales permitted by EH?

**NO**

**YES**

**YOUR CLASS A REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE**  
Training Required\*

**NO**

**YES**

Indirect sales only allowed at permitted retail facilities.

**YOUR CLASS B PERMIT IS COMPLETE**  
Training Required\*

**ADDITIONAL PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED:**

- Mobile Food Vendor Permit:**  
May be required for some types of off-site sales. Call 559-600-3357 for more information.
- Temporary Food Facility Permit:**  
These facilities may only operate at community events. Call 559-600-3357 for more information.
- Weights & Measures Permit:**  
Required if selling product by weight. Contact CA Division of Measurement Standards 559-445-5403.

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Within 3 months of obtaining permit or registration, all Cottage Food Operators must attend a Food Processor Course instructed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Failure to complete training may result in inactivation of your Cottage Food Registration or Permit. For more information, visit CDPH's website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Pages/fdbCottageFood.aspx>  
→ Until the state develops a course, we will accept the [California Food Handler Card](#).