BASIC REQUIRED FOOD LABELING COMPONENTS LABEL EXAMPLE (COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTION)

Labels must comply with all applicable state and federal regulations. Labeling regulations applied to cottage food production operation are the same as those applied to other food manufacturers, but with the additional statement "This product is home produced." All information on the label must be truthful and not misleading. This label example is just one way to present the required information.

Ingredient List – Ingredients shall be listed by common or usual name in descending order of predominance by weight. Meaning, the ingredient that weighs the most is listed first, followed by the next heaviest ingredient, with the ingredient that weighs the least listed last. Any ingredient that is composed of two or more ingredients (sub-ingredients) shall be declared in the *Ingredient List*. Sub-ingredients shall be designated in the *Ingredient List* by declaring the established common or usual name of the ingredient, followed by a parenthetical listing of all the ingredients contained therein in descending order of predominance.

Ref: CFR 21, Part 101.4

Statement of Identity – The *Statement of Identity* is the name of the food. The name shall be the common or usual name of the food, and shall accurately identify or describe the basic nature of the food or its characterizing properties or ingredients.

Ref: CFR 21, Part 101.3

Statement of Responsibility – Shall include the:

Business Name
Street Address
City, State, Zip Code

All information in the *Statement of Responsibility* shall be continuous. If the business name is listed in the local telephone directory, the street address may be omitted. If the business name is listed in the local telephone directory, a Post Office Box may be used in place of the street address.

Telephone numbers, web-site addresses, and e-mail addresses are permitted, but not required. This type of extra information shall not be placed between the *Ingredient List* and the *Statement of Responsibility*.

Ref: CFR 21, Part 101.5

CHOCOLATE CHIP/MILK CHOCOLATE CHUNK COOKIES

INGREDIENTS: ENRICHED FLOUR (BLEACHED WHEAT FLOUR, MALTED BARLEY FLOUR, NIACIN, REDUCED IRON, THIAMINE MONONITRATE, RIBOFLAVIN, FOLIC ACID), BROWN SUGAR (MOLASSES, SUGAR), SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS (SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE (SUGAR, CHOCOLATE LIQUOR, COCOA BUTTER), SOY LECITHIN, VANILLA), VEGETABLE SHORTENING (PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED SOYBEAN AND COTTONSEED OIL, MONO- AND DIGLYCERIDES, ARTIFICIAL BUTTER FLAVOR, BETA CAROTENE (PRO VITAMIN A-ADDED FOR COLOR)), MILK CHOCOLATE CHUNKS (SUGAR, COCOA BUTTER, MILK, CHOCOLATE LIQUOR, SOY LECITHIN, VANILLIN), EGGS, MILK, BAKING POWDER (POTASSIUM BITARTRATE, CORN STARCH, BAKING SODA), NATURAL FLAVOR, SALT, BAKING SODA.

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NET WT 8 OZ (227 g)

This product is home produced.

Net Quantity of Contents – The term "NET WEIGHT" - or an appropriate abbreviation - shall be used when stating the *Net Quantity of Contents* in terms of weight. The *Net Quantity of Contents* shall be declared in both the U.S. Customary System and the SI (metric system). The second declaration shall be stated parenthetically.

The quantity of contents shall be placed on the principal display panel. It shall be within the bottom 30 percent of the area of the label panel in lines that are generally parallel to the bottom of the package as it is designed to be displayed.

Note: Labeling requirements for Net Quantity of Contents is under the purview of the ODA Division of Weights and Measures. Local enforcement is provided by Weights and Measures programs administered by the county Auditors' throughout the State of Ohio.

Ref: CFR 21, Part 101.105
Ref: FLPA, Title 15 – Chapter 39, 1453(a) (2)

Cottage Food Declaration – Food products that are manufactured in compliance with Ohio's Cottage Food Rules, must bear the statement, "This product is home produced."

The statement means that the food product was produced in a private home that is not subject to inspection by a food regulatory authority.

Ref: ORC 3715.023

ODA – Ohio Department of Agriculture

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

ORC – Ohio Revised Code

FLPA – Fair Labeling Packaging Act

The principal display panel (PDP) is that portion of the package label that is most likely to be seen by the consumer at the time of purchase.