



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF FOOD PROTECTION

NOTICE (April 9, 2020)

This notice is given by Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health of the Maryland Department of Health, acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the “Governor”) dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 12, 2020 entitled “Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements,” as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety.

Office of Food Protection permits and licenses that are issued annually as established under COMAR 10.01.17.02 and expire between March 5, 2020 and the termination of the state of emergency and the catastrophic health emergency will not have enforcement actions taken related to an expired permit or license until the 30th day after the state of emergency has been terminated and the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. Permits and licenses include:

- Bobtailer;
- Bulk Milk Hauler/Sampler;
- Certified Industry Dairy Farm Inspector;
- Distribution Station;
- Farmstead Cheese Producer;
- Milk Processor;
- Milk Tank Truck Cleaning Facility;
- Milk Transportation Company;
- Receiving Station;
- Transfer Station;
- Food Processing Plant;
- Civic/Nonprofit Food Processing Plant;
- Shellfish;
- On-Farm Home Food Processing Plant; and
- Frozen Dessert Mix or Frozen Dessert Plant.

There will be no late fee charge for permit and license renewals during this period. Any effect of COMAR 10.01.17.02 inconsistent with the foregoing is hereby suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Robert R. Neall
Secretary