



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 101
[2009 Assembly Bill 229]

Home-Canned Food

2009 Wisconsin Act 101 provides an exemption from the requirement to obtain a food processing plant license from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for the sale of home-prepared and home-canned, acidic, pickles or other processed fruits or vegetables. This exemption only applies if these food items are sold at a community or social event or a farmers' market by a person who receives less than \$5,000 per year from the sale of the food. The person must comply with requirements concerning notice and labeling, including using product labels that identify that the product was home-canned and not subject to state licensing or inspection and include a list of ingredients in descending order of prominence including specific listing, by common name, of certain potential allergens.

The Act also requires DATCP to encourage people to undergo training about preparing and canning foods and to have their recipes and processes reviewed by an authority on this subject. The Act requires DATCP, in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Extension, to attempt to maximize the availability of information and technical services and support on home preparation and canning of low-acid and acidified food products.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.