Oregon Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Program
Food Processing and Warehousing: Laws and Regulations

**Food processing** means manufacturing a food or changing the physical characteristics of a food. Food processing includes cooking, baking, heating, drying, mixing, grinding, churning, separating, extracting, cutting, freezing, packaging and canning. Food processing does not include sorting, cleaning or water rinsing food.

**Food storage warehouse** means any place where food is stored as, in connection with, or part of a commercial venture or business. Food storage warehouse does not include places where food is stored to be used by the owner or served to employees, customers or guests such as a home, restaurant, rooming house or hotel. A food processor that warehouses finished product at the same location where the food is processed does not require a warehouse license.

*Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 616* covers Food and Other Commodities: Purity, Sanitation, Grades, Standards, Labels, Weights and Measures

*Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 603 Division 25* covers Food Establishment Standards and Standards for Retail Food Service Activities


The [Code of Federal Regulations, 21 CFR Part 117](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) is used to regulate food processors and warehouses

**Special requirements for processing**


The [Code of Federal Regulations, 21 CFR Part 113](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Thermally Processed Low-acid Food Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers


The [Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR Part 108](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Emergency Permit Control and includes rules that apply to low-acid canned foods and acidified foods

The [Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR Part 120](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems for juice processing

The [Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR Part 150](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Fruit Butters, Jellies, Preserves, and Related Products

The [Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR Part 123](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Fish and Fishery Products (seafood hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) requirements)

The [Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR Part 129](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Processing and Bottling of Bottled Drinking Water

The [Code of Federal Regulations 21 CFR Part 165](https://www.access.gpo.gov/fdsys negóftd.html) covers Beverages that includes requirements for bottled water