

To: Representative Trevor Squirrel, Chair of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

From: Natalie Weill, Public Health Policy Advisor, Vermont Department of Health

Re: Manufactured Food Emergency Rule

Date: August 7, 2025

The Department of Health made the following changes to the Manufactured Food Emergency Rule based on the expressed concern of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. On August 7, 2025, the following changes were approved by the Committee under 3 V.S.A. § 844(f):

1. Section 4.1.6.10 through 4.1.6.14 were amended to fix a formatting error. No text was amended, only spacing was changed.
2. Section 4.1.6.14 was amended to align with statutory language. “...~~any~~any other goods defined by the Commissioner in policy or pursuant to law.”
3. Section 6.1 was amended for consistency. The following amendment was made: “...a food manufacturing establishment claiming a license exemption shall submit a licensing exemption filing to the Department to demonstrate compliance with ~~this~~these Rules and attesting to completion of the training required in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 4303(a)(7) and Section 6.2.2 of this rule.”
4. Section 6.1.2 was amended for clarity. The following amendment was made: “...the cottage food operator may submit a request to the Department for a determination regarding whether the product they cottage food operator is ~~are~~ making is a cottage food.”
5. Section 6.2.2.1 was amended to increase clarity and fix an error, respectively. The following amendment was made: “...healthfulness and attest to the completion of the training as required by Section 6.1 of this rule ~~to the Department~~.”

No further amendments were made to the Manufactured Food Emergency Rule.