

481—30.2(10A,137C,137F) Definitions. If both the 2017 Food and Drug Administration Food Code with Supplement and rule 481—30.2(10A,137C,137F) define a term, the definition in rule 481—30.2(10A,137C,137F) shall apply.

“Bed and breakfast home” means a private residence which provides lodging and meals for guests, in which the host or hostess resides, and in which no more than four guest families are lodged at the same time. The facility may advertise as a bed and breakfast home but not as a hotel, motel or restaurant. The facility is exempt from licensing and inspection as a hotel or as a food establishment. A bed and breakfast home may serve food only to overnight guests, unless a food establishment license is secured.

“Bed and breakfast inn” means a hotel which has nine or fewer guest rooms.

“Catering” means the preparation of food for distribution to an individual, business or organization for exclusive service to the individual’s, business’s or organization’s nonpaying guests, employees or members.

“Certified wild-harvested mushroom identification expert” means an individual who has within the last three years successfully completed a wild-harvested mushroom identification training program provided by an accredited college, university, or state mycological society. The training program must include a component of actual identification of physical specimens or simulations of mushroom species. A document must be issued by an accredited college, accredited university, or state mycological society certifying the individual’s successful completion of the wild-harvested mushroom identification training program and specifying the species of wild mushrooms the individual is qualified to identify.

“Commissary” means a food establishment used for preparing, fabricating, packaging and storage of food or food products for distribution and sale through the food establishment’s own outlets.

“Contractor” means a municipal corporation, county or other political subdivision that contracts with the department to license and inspect under Iowa Code chapter 137C or 137F. A list of contractors is maintained on the department’s website.

“Cottage food” means the production and sale of food produced at a private residence other than time/temperature control for safety food as provided in Iowa Code section 137F.20 as enacted by 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2431, section 10, and food for resale that is not time/temperature control for safety food. “Cottage food” includes home-processed and home-canned pickles, vegetables, or fruits that have a finished equilibrium pH value of 4.60 or lower or a water activity value of 0.85 or less for which each batch has been measured by a pH meter or a water activity meter and each container that is sold or offered for sale contains the date the food was processed and canned. “Cottage food” does not include any of the following:

1. Milk or milk products regulated under Iowa Code chapters 192 and 194.
2. Meat, meat food products, poultry, or poultry food products regulated under Iowa Code chapter 189A.

“Criminal offense” means a public offense, as defined in Iowa Code section 701.2, that is prohibited by statute and is punishable by fine or imprisonment.

“Critical violation” means a foodborne illness risk factor and public health intervention and the violations defined as such by the Food Code adopted in rule 481—31.1(137F) and pursuant to Iowa Code section 137F.2.

“Cultivated mushroom” means a mushroom grown through a process in which the grower inoculates a substrate (logs, beds, straw, etc.) with a known strain or species of mushroom spawn in a dedicated space, whether outdoors or indoors, that is under the control of the grower, for the purpose of fruiting mushrooms.

“Department” means the department of inspections and appeals.

“Event” means a significant occurrence or happening sponsored by a civic, business, governmental, community, or veterans organization and may include an athletic contest. For example, an event does not include a single store’s grand opening or sale.

“Farmers market” means a marketplace which operates seasonally, principally as a common market for Iowa-produced farm products on a retail basis for consumption elsewhere.

“Farmers market time/temperature control for safety food license” means a license for a temporary food establishment that sells time/temperature control for safety foods at farmers markets. A separate

annual farmers market time/temperature control for safety food license is required for each county in which the licensee sells time/temperature control for safety foods at farmers markets. The license is only applicable at farmers markets and is not required in order to sell wholesome, fresh shell eggs to consumer customers. “Farmers market time/temperature control for safety food license” does not include a temporary food establishment that sells packaged time/temperature control for safety food items from a licensed source at farmers markets.

“*Food establishment*” means an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption and includes a food service operation in a salvage or distressed food operation, nutrition program operated pursuant to Title III-C of the Older Americans Act, school, summer camp, residential service substance abuse treatment facility, halfway house substance abuse treatment facility, correctional facility operated by the department of corrections, or the state training school. Assisted living programs and adult day services are included in the definition of food establishment to the extent required by 481—subrules 69.28(6) and 70.28(6). “Food establishment” does not include the following:

1. A food processing plant.
2. An establishment that offers only prepackaged foods that are not time/temperature control for safety foods.
3. A produce stand or facility which sells only whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables.
4. Premises which are a home food processing establishment pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 137D.
5. Premises which operate as a farmers market if unpackaged time/temperature control for safety foods are not sold or distributed from the premises.
6. Premises of a residence in which food is produced pursuant to Iowa Code section 137F.20 as enacted by 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2431, section 10.
7. A kitchen in a private home where food is prepared or stored for family consumption or in a bed and breakfast home.
8. A private home or private party where a personal chef or hired cook is providing food preparation services to a client and the client’s nonpaying guests.
9. A private home that receives catered or home-delivered food.
10. Child day care facilities and other food establishments located in hospitals or health care facilities that serve only patients and staff and are subject to inspection by other state agencies or divisions of the department.
11. Supply vehicles or vending machine locations.
12. Establishments that are exclusively engaged in the processing of meat and poultry and are licensed pursuant to Iowa Code section 189A.3.
13. The following premises, provided they are exclusively engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages in a prepackaged form:
 - Premises of a beer manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler under Iowa Code chapter 123;
 - Premises of a wine manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler under Iowa Code chapter 123; and
 - Premises of a manufacturer of distilled spirits under Iowa Code chapter 123.
14. Premises or operations that are exclusively engaged in the processing of milk and milk products, are regulated by Iowa Code sections 192.107 and 194.1, and have a milk or milk products permit issued by the department of agriculture and land stewardship.
15. Premises or operations that are exclusively engaged in the production of shell eggs, are regulated by Iowa Code section 196.3, and have an egg handler’s license.
16. The premises of a residence in which honey is stored; prepared; packaged, including by placement in a container; or labeled or from which honey is distributed.
17. Premises regularly used by a nonprofit organization which engages in the serving of food on the premises as long as the nonprofit organization does not exceed the following restrictions:
 - The nonprofit organization serves food no more than one day per calendar week and not on two or more consecutive days;
 - Twice per year, the nonprofit organization may serve food to the public for up to three consecutive days; and

- The nonprofit organization may use the premises of another nonprofit organization not more than twice per year for one day to serve food.

18. A stand operated by a minor.

“Food processing plant” means a commercial operation that manufactures, packages, labels or stores food for human consumption and does not provide food directly to a consumer. *“Food processing plant”* does not include any of the following:

1. The following premises, provided they are exclusively engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages in a prepackaged form:

- Premises of a beer manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler under Iowa Code chapter 123;
- Premises of a beer manufacturer, distributor, or wholesaler under Iowa Code chapter 123; and
- Premises of a manufacturer of distilled spirits under Iowa Code chapter 123.

2. The premises of a residence in which honey is stored; prepared; packaged, including by placement in a container; or labeled or from which honey is distributed.

3. Premises or operations that are exclusively engaged in the processing of meat and poultry and are licensed pursuant to Iowa Code section 189A.3.

4. Premises or operations that are exclusively engaged in the processing of milk or milk products, are regulated by Iowa Code sections 192.107 and 194.1, and have a milk or milk products permit issued by the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

5. Premises or operations that are exclusively engaged in the production of shell eggs, are regulated by Iowa Code section 196.3, and have an egg handler’s license.

6. Premises or operations that are exclusively engaged in the preparation or processing of Siluriformes, including catfish, and are regulated and inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture under a federal grant of inspection.

7. Premises that are a home food processing establishment pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 137D.

“Food service establishment” means a food establishment where food is prepared or served for individual portion service intended for consumption on the premises or is subject to Iowa sales tax as provided in Iowa Code section 423.3.

“Hotel” means any building equipped, used or advertised to the public as a place where sleeping accommodations are rented to temporary or transient guests.

“License holder” means an individual, corporation, partnership, governmental unit, association or any other entity to whom a license was issued under Iowa Code chapter 137C or 137F.

“Mobile food unit” means a food establishment that is self-contained, with the exception of grills and smokers, and readily movable, which either operates up to three consecutive days at one location or returns to a home base of operation at the end of each day.

“Patrol dog” means a dog that is accompanying a law enforcement officer or security officer.

“Personal chef” or *“hired cook”* means a person who provides food preparation services in a private home or at a private party for a client and the client’s nonpaying guests. *“Personal chef”* or *“hired cook”* does not include a person who provides the ingredients intended to be used in food preparation.

“Pet dog” means a dog that does not meet the definition of a *“patrol dog”* or a *“service animal”* as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 36.

“Pushcart” means a non-self-propelled vehicle food establishment limited to serving foods that are not time/temperature control for safety foods or commissary-wrapped foods maintained at proper temperatures or precooked foods that require limited assembly, such as frankfurters.

“Retail food establishment” means a food establishment that sells to consumer customers food or food products intended for preparation or consumption off the premises.

“Revoke” means to void or annul by recalling or withdrawing a license issued under Iowa Code chapter 137C or 137F. The entire application process, including the payment of applicable license fees, must be repeated to regain a valid license following a revocation.

“Stand operated by a minor” means a stand or other facility operated by a person or persons under the age of 18 at which food is sold directly to consumers that is not time/temperature control for safety food or an alcoholic beverage and that operates on a temporary and occasional basis on private property with the permission of the owner of the property.

“*Suspend*” means to render a license issued under Iowa Code chapter 137C or 137F invalid for a period of time, with the intent of resuming the validity of a license at the end of that period.

“*Temporary food establishment*” means a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event.

“*Time/temperature control for safety food*” means a food that requires time and temperature controls for safety to limit pathogenic microorganism growth or toxin formation.

“*Transient guest*” means an overnight lodging guest who does not intend to stay for any permanent length of time. Any guest who rents a room for more than 31 consecutive days is not classified as a transient guest.

“*Unattended food establishment*” means an operation that provides packaged foods or whole fruit using an automated payment system and has controlled entry not accessible by the general public. “Controlled entry,” for the purposes of the definition of “unattended food establishment,” means selective restriction or limitation of access to a place or location.

“*Vending machine*” means a self-service device which, upon insertion of a coin, paper currency, token, card or key, or by optional manual operation, dispenses unit servings of food in bulk or in packages without the necessity of replenishing the device between each vending operation. Vending machines that dispense only prepackaged foods that are not time/temperature control for safety foods, panned candies, gumballs or nuts are exempt from licensing but may be inspected by the department upon receipt of a written complaint. “Panned candies” are those with a fine, hard coating on the outside and a soft candy filling on the inside. Panned candies are easily dispensed by a gumball-type machine.

“*Vending machine location*” means the room, enclosure, space, or area where one or more vending machines are installed and operated, including the storage areas on the premises that are used to service and maintain the vending machine.

“*Wild-harvested mushroom*” means a fresh mushroom that has been found or foraged in the natural environment and has not been processed (e.g., dried or frozen). “Wild-harvested mushroom” does not include cultivated mushrooms or mushrooms that have been packaged in an approved food processing plant.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 10A.104 and 137C.8 and chapter 137F.
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