

# What's the Difference?

## Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) and Cottage Food Operation (CFO)



### MEHKO



### CFO A & B

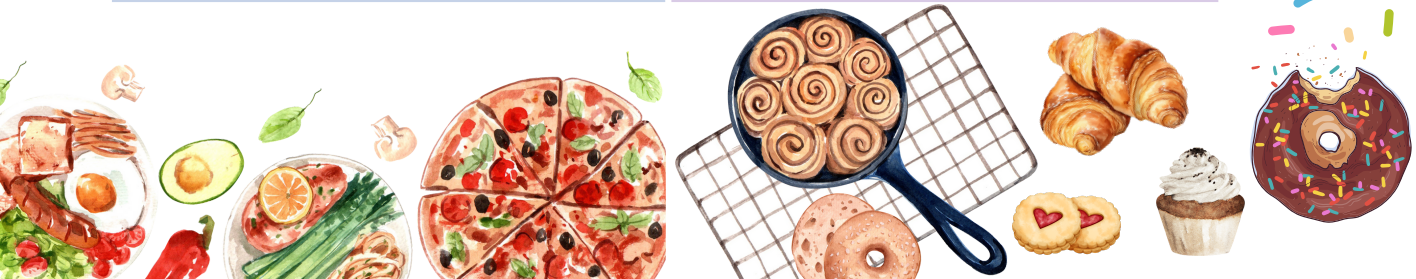
Limited to annual sale of \$100,000	CFO A is limited to annual sale of \$75,000 CFO B is limited to annual sale of \$150,000
Can only do direct sales	CFO A can only do direct sales CFO B can do both direct and indirect sales
Food does not require labeling	All CFO products require approved labels
Operator must obtain a Certified Food Protection Manager certificate and all other members of the MEHKO must obtain a Food Handler card	Requires completion of a Food Handler course
Can prepare potentially-hazardous food	Cannot prepare potentially-hazardous food
Can store ingredients in a fridge/freezer located in a garage or other home unit, if approved	Cannot store food or ingredients in garages, sheds, or outdoor areas of the home
Can serve alcohol with an Alcoholic Beverage Control license	Cannot sell or cook food containing alcohol
Cannot sell more than 30 meals per day and 90 per week	No sales cap on meals



### BOTH



Can serve as a commissary or mobile support unit for up to two Compact Mobile Food Operations
Inspections are done annually for MEHKO and CFO B
Can have complaint-based inspections
Infants, children, and pets are not allowed in the kitchen or dining area of the CFO or MEHKO during operational hours.
Limited to one full-time employee
Cannot conduct specialized food processing
Advertisements must indicate, <b>"made in a home kitchen"</b> or, <b>"prepackaged in a home kitchen"</b> , as applicable
Site evaluation is required



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