

BOATS WITH FOOD SERVICE

MOBILE FOOD FACILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH DIVISION



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PERMIT REQUIREMENT

The California Retail Food Code requires that all food facilities providing food and beverages to the public obtain a public health permit. Food facilities include mobile food facilities, such as boats. This applies to **boats that offer food for sale and are located within a 3-mile coastal zone of LA County.**

This does not apply to charter fishing boats that provide food service to passengers after the 3-mile mark. Cruise ships (large passenger ships) used for pleasure voyages, where passengers travel between different ports for sightseeing and entertainment, are not required to obtain a health permit from LA County.



PREPARED FOODS

Boats serving prepared food must use a permitted kitchen or commissary for food storage, preparation, and equipment/utensil cleaning. Boats must use locations approved by LA County Public Health for waste disposal and potable water supply.



ON-BOARD FOOD PREPARATION

***Limited food preparation** on-board may be permitted, depending on the kitchen's capacity.



COMMERCIALLY PREPACKAGED FOODS AND BEVERAGES

A Public Health Permit is required to sell:

- Potentially hazardous food (i.e., sandwiches, yogurts, and cut fruits).
- Non-potentially hazardous food in a space that is **more than 25 square feet** (i.e., chips, pretzels, and candy bars)
- Beverages that contain potentially hazardous food as ingredients (i.e., coffee lattes, shakes, and milk teas)

In addition to the Public Health Permit, a separate license from the **California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control** is required for alcoholic beverages.

*For definitions, visit: bit.ly/eh-mff

Learn How to Obtain a Public Health Permit



Visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/about/permit.htm or contact our **Mobile Food Program** at (626) 430-5500 or email EHVIP@ph.lacounty.gov.