

## **Guidelines for Food Sampling activities exempt from Temporary Food Establishment Permitting**

Free food sampling of 2 ounces or less of any food item will not require permitting as long as the following are met:

- All samples are :
  1. Prepared in the operator's licensed facility or,

For example, a cheese vendor is providing samples. The vendor has a dairy processing license from DATCP or a retail license from PHMDC and the cheese is cut at the licensed facility.
  2. The operator purchases the foods from a commercial facility.

For example, a vendor is sampling oils with bread or chips. The oil is prepared in a commercial facility and the bread/chips are purchased from a grocery store.
- No cooking or food preparation onsite, only portioning and serving.

Limited cutting may be allowed on a case by case basis for cake and bread.
- Samples do not exceed 2 ounces.
- Samples are free – no samples are being sold.
- Samples are safely dispensed to the public.

All samples must be dispensed individually in disposable containers or served with disposable utensils.
- Food is kept at proper temperature or Time as a Public Health Control is used.
- No bare hand contact with the food is allowed. Gloves or utensils are required to be used.
- Hand sanitizer is available or a temporary hand washing station is set-up.

*Please note that a temporary food permit may be required for packaged, potentially hazardous foods that are being sold along with the sampling activities.*