



Food Manufacturers' Sampling Application

Items dispensed are limited to the products manufactured or processed by the exhibiting company and must be related to the theme of the show. Houston Inspired Catering has the sole food and beverage distribution rights within the George Brown Convention Center (GRB). Expositions sponsoring organizations and/or their exhibitors may distribute sample food and/or beverage products ONLY upon written authorization. All sample items MUST receive prior approval and confirmation from Houston Inspired Catering and the GRB. Exhibitors who do not comply will be asked to remove the item(s) from the facility. For questions concerning sampling please contact the HIC sales person: Earnest Rogers Email: ERogers2@levyrestaurants.com

Requirements for Sampling:

1. All requests must be received at least **three weeks prior** to the start of the event. Please do not make any arrangements prior to approval.
2. All items are limited to sample size.
 - Beverages may be dispensed in containers holding no more than 4 ounces; NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED
 - Food items are limited to "bite size" portions of 3 ounce or less
3. The applicant named below acknowledges they have sole responsibility for use, sale, servicing or other disposition of such items in compliance with the applicable laws. Accordingly, the applicant agrees to indemnify and forever hold harmless HIC, GRB, Houston First Corporation, and the City of Houston from all liabilities, damages, losses, costs or expenses resulting directly from their use, sale, serving or other disposition of such items.
4. There is no fee required for the Food Manufacturers' Sampling Application.
5. Fees for storage, handling, delivery, and sales tax will be charged where applicable.
6. Notice that the sale of food and beverage, even samples, is not permitted within the George R Brown Convention Center.

Required Temporary Health Permit

- Event promoter or individual exhibitor is responsible for securing a City of Houston Temporary Health Permit for sample items. Contact the City of Houston Health Department at phone number 832.393.5100 for all details.
 - The 1-21 days temporary permit application may be found at the following link:
 - <https://www.houstonhealth.org/services/permits/food-permits>
 - Once you arrive to this page, select "Permit Document Search" and search for "Temporary Food Permit Application for 1-21 Days" in the title page to find the application
 - Permits must be displayed at the location where the food or beverage is being served throughout the event. You cannot serve samples without an approved City of Houston Temporary Health Permit.

Name of Event _____ Event Dates _____
Company Name _____ Booth Number _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
On-site Contact _____ On-site Phone _____
Product(s) to be dispensed _____
Portion Size _____ Method of dispensing _____
Reason for offering samples _____

Print Name

Signature

Date

Application Approval

General Manager, HIC

Date

Director of Convention Services, GRB

Date