

Cider and Juices (Unpasteurized) Requirements

The State of Connecticut Departments of Public Health, Consumer Protection and Agriculture strongly advise against the service/sampling of unpasteurized cider.

Packaged or bottled raw (unpasteurized) cider and juices of all types may only be sold at retail in accordance with state and federal laws and must bear the federal warning label. The statement must appear on the label prominently, conspicuously and must appear in a minimum type size of one-sixteenth inch. The statement must appear in a box set off by hairlines. The word "warning" must appear in bold capital letters.

WARNING: This product has not been pasteurized and, therefore, may contain harmful bacteria that may cause serious illness in children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems.

Unpasteurized cider and juices may not be sold to other retail or to food service establishments.

Bottled non-acid juices such as but not limited to carrot or kale may not be sold unless they are kept and labeled prominently that they require refrigeration. Such products may be for immediate consumption as provided for by the local health department.

Please be advised that if you plan to allow the public to sample unpasteurized cider or unpasteurized juices that have not yet been bottled and have been prepared for immediate consumption, you are subject to the provisions of the of the Connecticut Public Health Code, Section 19-13-B42. If a vendor chooses to sample these items, they are strongly encouraged to include a notice to the public warning them that the product is unpasteurized and may potentially contain harmful bacteria that could cause serious illness in children, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems.

Producers of cider must annually register with the Department of Consumer Protection, as inspection of the production area is required in order to obtain a license to sell cider.

Inspection and Regulations Concerning Apple Juice and Cider License
Issuing Agency:

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Connecticut General Statutes reference
Sec. 21a-146 – Registration of Cider Plants

Public Health Code

Full text of the Public Health Code can be found at:
<http://www.ct.gov/dph/site/default.asp>