

State of Wisconsin – Department of Health

The following provides the State with the authority to obtain records and documents necessary for the determination of consumer food purchases during investigation of foodborne illnesses within their jurisdiction. Questions regarding specific situations, the documents that can be requested, or the statutory citations listed should be directed to the authorized State agency. You may access contact information for the state agency on the Directory of State and Local Officials webpage at:

<http://dslo.afdo.org>

Wisconsin State Statutes – Chapter 97

§ 97.12(1)

(1) For the purpose of enforcing this chapter, the department and its agents may, at reasonable hours, enter and inspect any premises for which a license is required under this chapter or any farm, factory, warehouse, building, room, establishment or place at or in which foods are manufactured, processed, packed, packaged, stored or held for sale, and may enter any vehicle, including a vehicle used to transport or hold foods in commerce. The department and its agents may also secure samples or specimens, including samples or specimens of food and any product or substance that may affect food, examine and copy relevant documents and records, and obtain photographic and other evidence needed to enforce this chapter or a rule promulgated under this chapter. The department shall examine any samples secured and shall conduct other inspections and examinations needed to determine whether there is a violation of this chapter. The department shall pay or offer to pay the market value of samples taken.

§ 93.15(2)

(1) The department may, by general or special order, require persons engaged in business to file with the department, at such time and in such manner as the department may direct, sworn or unsworn reports or sworn or unsworn answers in writing to specific questions, as to any matter which the department may investigate.