

RHODE ISLAND

Food Safety Jurisdictions and Enforcement Authorities



Agency jurisdiction and responsibility for regulating food safety varies from state to state. While an agency may have jurisdiction over a facility or commodity, not all agencies issue licenses or routinely inspect every facility or commodity type. All of the State agencies which have jurisdiction to regulate food safety within the state are listed in the tables below, with their jurisdiction over a particular facility type or commodity denoted by the word “Authority” or “Split Authority” in the row of the facility or commodity type within their column.





MANUFACTURER/PROCESSOR

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor	Authority			
Food Repacked	Authority			
Food Salvager	Authority			
Bottled Water	Authority			
Ice	Authority			
Dietary Supplements	*			
Warehouse	Authority			
Food Banks	Authority			
Seafood	Authority			
Food Transport	Authority			
Beer/Wine			Authority	
Distilled Spirits			Authority	
COMMENTS: * Defers to FDA.				





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Grade-A Plant	Authority			
Raw Milk	Authority			
Cheese	Authority			
Yogurt	Authority			
Cream/Sour Cream	Authority			
Butter	Authority			
Ice Cream	Authority			
Milk Pooling	Authority			
COMMENTS:				





MEAT/POULTRY

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Authority*			
Poultry	Authority*			
Rabbit	Authority*			
Other Non-Amenable Species	Authority*			
Custom Slaughter	Authority*			
Livestock Inspection				
Pet Food – Raw		Authority		
Pet Food – Processed	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority*			
COMMENTS: * Defers to USDA.				





ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority			
BSE Inspections	Authority			
Rendering Plant	Authority			
Grain	Authority			
COMMENTS:				





RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant	Authority			
Food Service	Authority			
Grocery Store	Authority			
Market	Authority			
Convenience Stores	Authority			
Public/Private Schools	Authority			
Correctional Facilities	Authority			
Hospitals	Authority			
Long-Term Care	Authority			
Nursing Homes	Authority			
Other Institutions	Authority			
Vending Machines	Authority			
Mobile Food Facilities	Authority			
Caterers	Authority			
Home Based Processors	N ¹			

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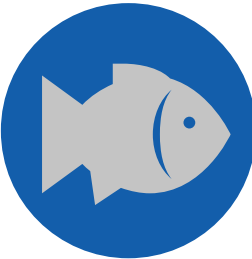




RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Temporary Food Facilities	Authority			
Water Vending Machines	Authority ²			
Ice Vending Machines	Authority			
Farm Stands	Authority			
Farmers Markets	Authority			
Live Poultry Markets	Authority ²			
Food Pantry	Authority			
COMMENTS: ¹ Not allowed. ² No inventory.				

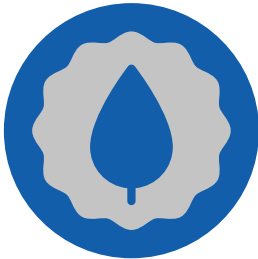




SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas		Authority		
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling	Authority			
Shellfish Depuration	Authority			
Shellfish Patrol		Authority		
Biotoxin Monitoring	Authority			
Aquaculture		Authority		
COMMENTS:				





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production				
Organic Food Handling				
Organic Food Processing				
COMMENTS: None				





PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Packing Sheds	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Repackers	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Terminal Markets	Split Authority	Split Authority		
COMMENTS:				





ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Each state regulatory agency has enforcement authorities that are established through state laws, regulations, or administrative rules. These enforcement authorities enable the agency to perform their regulatory functions and ensure the safety of the food supply. Below are the authorities of each agency.

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority			
Seizure	Authority			
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority			
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority			
Stop Sale Orders	Authority			
Health Advisories	Authority			
Administrative Penalties	Authority			
Criminal Penalties	Authority			
Civil Penalties	Authority			
Injunction	Authority			
Warning Letters	Authority			

Enforcement Authority list continued on next page.





ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	LOCAL AGENCIES
License Suspension	Authority			
License Revocation	Authority			
Hearings	Authority			
Closure	Authority			
Mandatory Recall	Authority			
Inspection Warrant	Authority			
COMMENTS:				

