

**Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Food Safety and Defense Task Force
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Data Privacy Warning:

The Food Innovation Team (FIT) regularly requests data from food business owners (FBOs) interested in participating or gaining food business licensing guidance from FIT through the Pre-Screening Intake Form (PSIF), during FIT meeting proceedings, and as part of the regular processes of FIT. The information provided for these FIT activities will be used before, during, and after FIT meetings to answer licensing questions from FBOs. Information provided is public information and will be discussed at a meeting that is open to the public. If you have information that you want protected, please contact the Food and Feed Safety Division Director, Dr. Benjamin Miller (benjamin.miller@state.mn.us or (651) 201-6027) before filling out this form and submitting it to FIT.

FIT Website Notification:

Please note that all information contained in this form is subject to public information requests. The information contained in this form will be included on the FIT website with the exception of items under the “General Business Information” category.

Date of FIT Meeting: 1/15/19

Meeting Participants:

- FIT Members:
 - James Backstrom
 - Jane Jewett
 - Julia Selley
 - Molly Herrmann
 - Jim Roettger
 - Lolly Occhino
 - Lauri Clements
 - Kathy Zeman (WebEx)

- Other:
 - Katherine Simon (MDA)
 - Natasha Hedin (MDA)

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General Business Information (Do not include this section in public-facing online database)	
Name of business:	America Stay Inn
Location of business:	1700 2 nd Avenue NW Stewartville, MN 55976
Referred by:	<input type="checkbox"/> MDA <input type="checkbox"/> MDH <input type="checkbox"/> FIT member <input type="checkbox"/> MDA Delegated Agency <input type="checkbox"/> MDH Delegated Agency
Current license(s), registration(s), and/or exemption(s): (Please include date of issuance.)	Lodging Establishment #21213 Issued in 2014
Why was this business referred to FIT?	
Current business model:	Applicant operates a small lodging (hotel) establishment and lives on site. She wants to be a cottage food producer and opportunity to sell to lodging guests and general public.
Key issues examined by FIT:	Individual cottage food producer with a related business (lodging establishment)
Other issues:	She has a lodging license (Olmsted County) with an “add on” to sell commercial food products.
How was the issue resolved?	
Description of resolution:	Sales can take place over the internet or in the home. The home is her private residence in the hotel. The notice that it is homemade and not subject to state inspection has to be given at the point of sale. Delivery or exchange of product could take place anywhere as long as she is handing it directly to the consumer. Advertising that she has cottage food can be done anywhere in the hotel lobby.
Other notes:	All advertising/display options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet • Actual items for display only • Pictures/posters in hotel lobby are allowed under 28A.152 but cottage food product may not be allowed in a licensed food establishment under the Food Code/either MDA or MDH licensed food establishment.

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Who resolved the issue (name(s) and organization(s)):	FIT members (see above)
Date of resolution:	1/15/2019
Licensing authority representative (name and organization):	Lauri Clements, Olmsted County
Recommendations / Lessons Learned	
Internal (FIT):	Diagram case right away outlining options, keep balance between answering specific case and resolving broader application.
Licensing agency:	Olmsted County
Rules / Statutes:	28A.152, 4626.0130b