

Types of Food Establishments: Descriptions for Permitting

Environmental Health and Food Safety Division

EATING ESTABLISHMENT:

Any premise in which food is **processed*** and distributed for human consumption.

FOOD SHOP:

Any premise in which food is stored and distributed, but not **processed***, and excludes Eating Establishments as defined above.

MOBILE FOOD SERVICE:

Is a self-contained mobile unit, which is used for the preparation and/or retail dispensing of food products. The **unit** is capable of **moving**, or **being moved**, and is **not left** in any **one location** for a period longer than **one week**. This would include push carts, chip trucks and mobile meat/fish vendors, etc.

MOBILE, LOBSTER FISHER (live lobster only):

A lobster fisherman licensed under the Fisheries Act (Canada) for commercial fishing, is required to have a Mobile Food Establishment Permit to sell his own catch of live lobster from a mobile vehicle at roadside. This Permit will contain a condition of "Live Lobster Sales Only". Fee is required if selling species (fish, scallops, etc.) other than live lobster as this would be considered a Mobile Food Service as described above.

SEASONAL:

A facility which operates up to four (4) months during one fiscal year; Apr 1 to Mar 31. *For example: June to September.*

* PROCESS:

As defined in the *NS Food Safety Regulations*, Section 2(q), to substantially change or alter the appearance or nature of a food, to combine with an ingredient or additive or to make foods ready-to-eat.