

AB 1276

Single-Use Foodware Accessories and Condiments Available Upon Request



What is AB 1276?

California's Assembly Bill 1276 regulates the distribution of single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments by food facilities to consumers.

What is the purpose of AB 1276?

To combat unnecessary waste generated from single-use items in the retail food industry When does this piece of legislation go into effect?

AB 1276 has been in effect since June 1, 2022.

Who will AB 1276 affect?

Any food facility operating in the state of California and their consumers.

- ✕ Exceptions include: correctional institutions, licensed health care facilities, residential care facilities, and public/private school cafeterias

What are single-use foodware accessories?

Single-use items (such as utensils, chopsticks, standard condiment packets, straws, stirrers, splash sticks, and cocktail sticks) provided with ready-to-eat-food

What are the service requirements?

Dine-in/take-out orders:

- ✕ Single-use foodware accessories and condiments will only be provided to consumers upon request or at self-serve stations
- ✕ These items must not be bundled or packaged in a way that prevents the customer from taking only the item they need

Online delivery orders:

- ✕ Food facilities which use a third-party delivery platform shall customize their menu with a list of single-use accessories/condiments that the customers can request with their order

Drive-thru orders:

- ✕ Only single-use items that are necessary to eat or help prevent spillage of the ready-to-eat food at a drive-thru may be offered

What if my business fails to comply with AB 1276?

Food facilities and third-party food delivery platforms in violation of the law may be subject to a fine:

- ✕ 1st and 2nd violations will result in notices
- ✕ Subsequent violations will result in a \$25 fine, not to exceed \$300 annually

