AB 1276 Single-Use Foodware Accessories and Condiments





As of January 1, 2022, California State Assembly Bill 1276 (AB 1276) prohibits food facilities, including food delivery services, from providing any single-use foodware accessory or standard condiment <u>unless</u> requested by the consumer.

Single-use foodware accessories and condiments must not be bundled or packaged in a way that prohibits the customer from taking only the item desired. In self-serve areas, they must be dispensed one at a time.

AB 1276 includes the following items as "single-use foodware accessory":

- 1. Utensils (forks, knives, spoons, and sporks)
- 2. Chopsticks
- 3. Condiment cups and packets
- 4. Straws
- 5. Stirrers
- 6. Splash sticks
- 7. Cocktail sticks

"Standard condiments" include relishes, spices, sauces, confections, or seasoning that require no additional preparation and that are usually used on a food item after preparation, including ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, soy sauce, hot sauce, salsa, salt pepper, sugar, and sugar substitutes.

By limiting these items to upon request only, AB 1276 seeks to eliminate the unnecessary waste these items create. These often unused items take up valuable resources, contaminate recycling processes, and pollute our local streets and waterways.

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