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- (A) Each maple syrup processor, sorghum processor, and beekeeper exempt from mandatory inspection under division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code that has registered for voluntary inspection shall be inspected annually by the directordepartment.
- (B) Maple syrup processor, sorghum, or honey processors, exempt from mandatory inspection under division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code, that are inspected by the director and in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, may place the ODA seals of conformity and inspection logos on the label of the maple syrup, sorghum, or honey that they process.
- (B) Maple syrup processors, sorghum processors, or honey processors may place the ODA seal of conformity and inspection on the label of the product that they process if either:
 - (1) They are a food processing establishment pursuant to division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code which is not currently placed on notice by the department; or
 - (2) They are exempt under division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code and are in compliance with the rules of this Chapter.
- (C) The ODA seals of conformity and inspection logos shall only be used on labels and in advertising and promotion of maple syrup, honey, and sorghum products that are produced and processed in compliance with the provisions of this chapter by persons who are registered with the Ohio department of agriculture in accordance with rule 901:3-46-03 of the Administrative Code, passed inspection by the Ohio department of agriculture, and met the sampling standards set forth in rule 901:3-44-01 of the Administrative Code listed in paragraph (B) of this rule.
- (D) The ODA seals of conformity and inspection logos are configured as follows:



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(E) Prior to incorporating the ODA seals of conformity and inspection logos as a part of their label, each registered and approved maple syrup, sorghum, and honey processor shall submit a sample of their proposed label to the director for approval. A sticker meeting the configuration of the ODA seals of conformity and inspection logos in paragraph (D) of this rule may be used in lieu of incorporating an ODA seal of conformity and inspection as a part of a label.

(F) Maple syrup, sorghum, and honey products bearing the ODA seals of conformity and inspection logos on a package that has been produced by a person who is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and has not registered or renewed their registration, shall be considered misbranded as per section 3715.60 of the Revised Code.

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