



California Department of Food and Agriculture

Important Notice to Inedible Kitchen Grease (IKG) Transporters



Unauthorized Container Removal is Prohibited!



Under *Food and Agricultural Code §19313.5*, it is illegal for any person to:

“Steal, misappropriate, contaminate, or damage inedible kitchen grease, or containers thereof.”

This includes the unauthorized removal of IKG containers placed by another licensed transporter.

Unauthorized removal of a container may result in civil penalties of up to \$5,000 and/or criminal charges (FAC 19447).

CONTAINER REMOVAL PERMITTED ONLY IF LEGALLY ABANDONED

IKG containers may only be removed if they are lawfully considered abandoned by the restaurant or generator.

Pursuant to **California Civil Code §1993**, commercial property (such as IKG containers) is not considered abandoned unless the restaurant has:

- Terminated service with the original transporter
- Provided written notice of abandonment
- Followed the required legal process for commercial property abandonment

A transporter may only remove a container if:

- ✓ They have express authorization from the restaurant, and
- ✓ The container is determined to be abandoned in accordance with Civil Code section 1993

! Any removal facilitated by the customer/restaurant must be addressed directly with the restaurant. CDFA does not oversee or arbitrate container abandonment or removal agreements between businesses.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Do NOT remove a competitor's container unless:

- ✓ You are authorized by the restaurant
- ✓ The container has been properly abandoned under applicable law

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