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**TO:** WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT:** Training – Package Inspection Basics

The Division of Measurement Standards, with the assistance of Ventura County, will provide training on Package Inspection. This hands-on training gives attendees an opportunity to apply the principles of National Standards and Technology Handbook 133: *Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods*, and to fill out Package Inspection Reports (PIRs). Various types of products will be available for testing, including wax coated cheese, aerosols, and ice glazed seafood.

**Purpose:**

This 2-day class provides weights and measures officials with an overview of NIST Handbook 133, an opportunity to develop skills in testing various commodities, and experience in filling out Package Inspection Forms. No prior experience is required.

**Learning Objectives:**

- FAMILIARIZE themselves with the layout of Handbook 133 and sampling plans.
- REVIEW the basic testing requirements for various commodities put up by weight.
- EXPERIENCE testing various commodities.
- LEARN how to fill out the package inspection report and determine lot compliance.

**Location:** Ventura County Public Works Agency - Saticoy Operations Yard  
11251-B Riverbank Drive, Conference Rooms A & B  
Ventura, CA 93004

**Dates and Times:** February 24, 2025; 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
February 25, 2025; 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

**Instructor:** Katherine de Contreras

**Attendance Limit:**

Attendance is limited to 25 students, with five (5) seats reserved per area group. If any region chooses not to take all their reserved spots, alternates will be chosen from among the regions that submitted more than five names.

**Enrollment:**

All attendees must be recommended by either their Sealer or Deputy Sealer, no self-registration. Please contact Katherine de Contreras via email at [Katherine.deContreras@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Katherine.deContreras@cdfa.ca.gov) with the name, email, and phone number of the attendee.





CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

**Deadline to Enroll:** February 20, 2025.

Sincerely,

Kevin Schnepf  
Director

cc: Hyrum Eastman, County/State Liaison, CDFA

