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Are there any exemptions in the Food Employee Certification Act?

The following types of establishments are exempt from certification:

1. Food establishments where only commercially prepackaged food is handled and sold.
2. Food establishments that do not handle potentially hazardous foods.
3. Food manufacturing facilities engaged in the manufacture of non-potentially hazardous food.
4. An organization classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
5. Food establishments managed on a not-for-profit basis by a volunteer fire company or an ambulance, religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans, civic, agriculture fair or agricultural association or any separately chartered auxiliary of any of the above.
6. A food establishment managed on a not-for-profit basis by organizations supporting extra-curricular recreational activities for youth of all public, private and parochial school systems.

Examples: school booster clubs, Little League or Midget Football Associations.