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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE HANDLERS REGISTRATION ACT

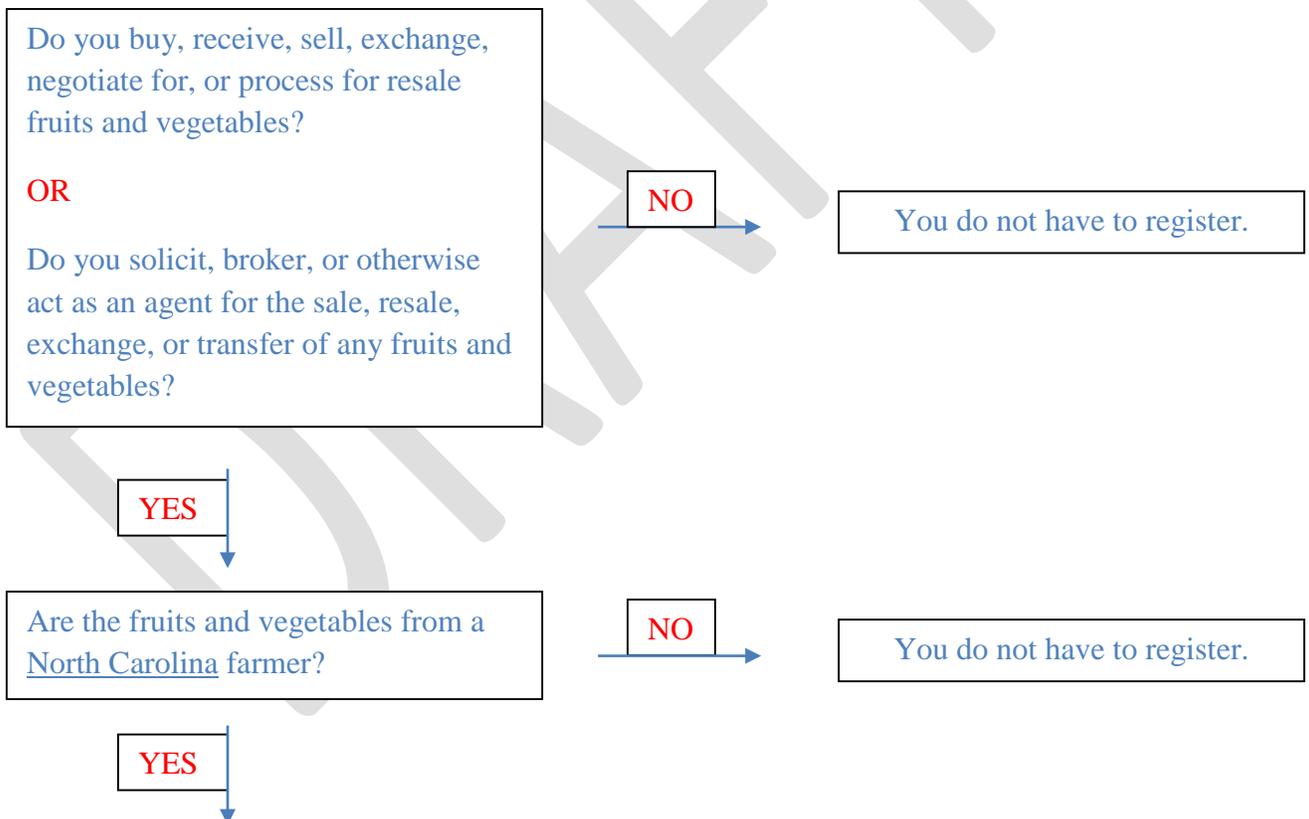
Frequently Asked Questions

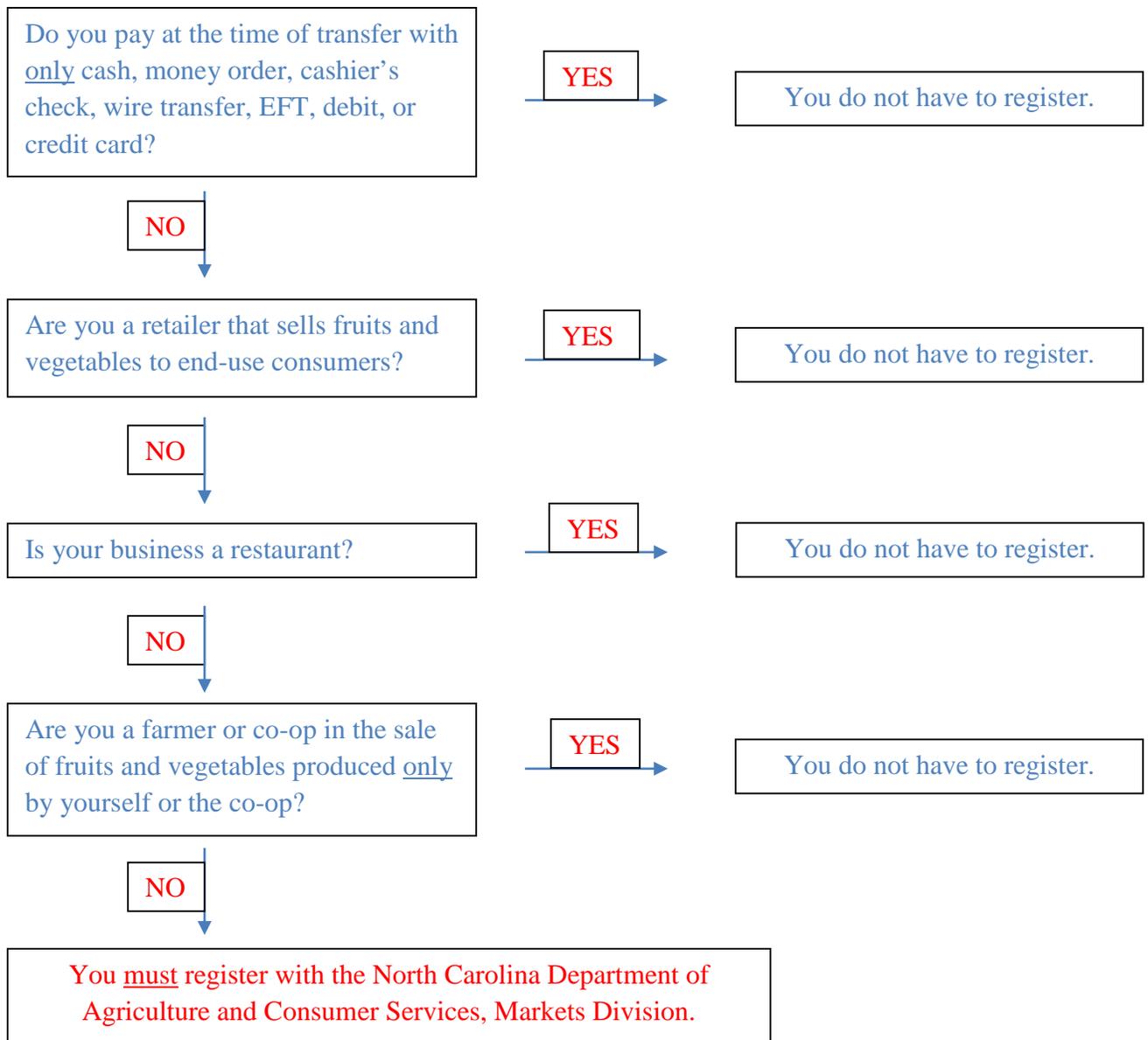
This guide provides answers to frequently asked questions and may not address all situations. This guide is provided for general information only and may not be relied on for legal advice.

1. When does the Act take effect?

January 1st, 2019.

2. Who must register?





2. How do I register?

You can register online at <http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/index.htm>.

Alternatively, you can register by downloading and printing the registration form from the website, fill out the required information by hand, and mail the application to NCDA&CS Markets Division, 1020 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1020.

You can also scan and email the completed form to Kevin.Hardison@ncagr.gov or fax to (919) 715-0155.

If you are unable to use the online registration or print the registration form from the website, please contact Markets Division at (919) 707-3100.

3. Is there a cost to register?

None. Registration is free.

4. Do I need to obtain a bond?

No. Under the new Act, as amended by Session Law 2018-113, handlers are no longer required to obtain a bond.

5. What are the requirements of registration?

You are required to provide the Markets Division:

- (a) Your name or business name;
- (b) Your main business address;
- (c) The type of fruits and vegetables you handle; and
- (d) The annual volume, in dollar amount, of fruits and vegetables you handled in North Carolina.

6. What if the information I provided changes?

If your name, business name, main business address, or if the types of fruits and vegetables you handle changes, you are required to provide updated information within 60 days of the change.

For the annual volume, you are only required to update the Markets Division once a year by February 1st.

7. Will the information I provide be subject to North Carolina's Public Records Law?

No. Information collected will be held confidential and not subject to public records disclosure.

8. Where can I obtain a copy of the law?

You can obtain a copy of Session Law 2018-113 online at:

<https://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S711v8.pdf>.

Once the Fruit and Vegetable Handlers Registration Act is published by the General Assembly, it will become available online at:

<https://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/StatutesTOC.pl?Chapter=0106>.

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