



FOOD SAMPLING POLICY

To ensure the safety of all attendees and to comply with venue limitations, the following food sampling policy will be in effect for Formulation Floor 2026:

1. All products brought into The Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk must comply with all local and safety regulations.
2. Items dispensed are limited to products manufactured, processed or distributed by the table top participant and must be germane to the conference or event.
3. All supplies needed to serve samples are the responsibility of the table top participant.
4. All items to be given away are limited to sample sizes:
 - a. **Food Samples** - "bite size" maximum sample size no larger than 2oz.
5. All product that exceeds the approved sample sizes are not allowed.
6. **Non-Perishable Food Samples Only** Table top participants are permitted to offer food samples at their table tops; however, only **non-perishable** food items may be distributed. This restriction is in place because **refrigeration and heating equipment will not be available on-site**, and no access will be provided to cold or hot holding storage during the event.
7. No additional storage or equipment will be made available to table top participants for food - all materials must be able to be contained at your table top space.
8. All table top participants are responsible for providing service ware to dispense sample. No service ware will be made available for purchase through the hotel, ASB or onsite.
9. All product sampling must fit onto your table top (8'x30"), no additional tables will be furnished or made available for purchase.
10. Table top participants MUST submit proof of having \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance naming Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk and ASB as additional insured by **January 10, 2026**.
11. A completed food sampling authorization form must be submitted by **January 10, 2026**.
12. All table top participants must comply with applicable local health and safety regulations.



FOOD SAMPLING AUTHORIZATION FORM

To provide a safe and comfortable Formulation Floor environment, and to comply with fire safety codes and Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk, ASB requires specific information for all on-site food preparation, dispensing, and sampling. This form must be completed and returned to ASB for approval by January 10, 2026.

Without ASB approval, sampling of food will not be allowed on-site.

EVENT NAME:

BakingTECH 2026; Formulation Floor 2026

SAMPLING DATES:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company Name:		Table Top #	
Contact Name:			
Address:			
Phone #:			
Email:			

Item(s) and reason, please include quantity, portion size and method of dispensing items.

ASB approval:

Date



WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Food preparation carries with it inherent risks that include but are not limited to health hazards resulting from improper transport, handling and storage.

WAIVER:

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any outside sourced food at the **Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk** where prepared food, cooked, perishable or otherwise are transported, further prepared, and consumed, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, agents, employees and affiliates, do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk, City of Chicago, ASB their affiliates, direct or indirect, officers, employees, and agents from liability from any and all claims resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in any Event.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Participation in any Event carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary and can include but are not limited to cooking food thoroughly; separating and not cross contaminating foods; chilling or refrigerating food appropriately; cleaning foodstuffs, instruments and hands used in and for food preparation; fire or gas hazards.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

I agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk, City of Chicago, ASB, their affiliates, direct or indirect, officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnitees") from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in Events, whether brought by me, my company or its agents or employees, or other third parties, and to reimburse the Indemnitees for any such expenses incurred.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read this Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, am over the age of 18, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

COMPANY:

RETURN TO:

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