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Senate Bill 311  
General Law Committee  
Public Hearing: 3/3/16

## **PLEASE SUPPORT SB 311 – AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

Senate Bill 311 amends Connecticut law under Section 21a-28 to delete the potentially confusing mandate which states that it is *unlawful* to sell flour, bread, corn meal, grits, rice or macaroni in Connecticut unless those foods have been “enriched” (“enrichment” means adding certain vitamins, minerals). The fact is, in this day and age, these food items are not enriched when they are made and they are not required to be enriched. Some minerals – like iron – are not necessarily healthy in certain foods for some people.

Our company imports the highest quality foods from Europe, particularly from Italy where enrichment is not often done.

Senate Bill 311 clarifies the law to ensure that the food standards should comply with Connecticut Section 21a-100, which in turn references and requires compliance with federal food standards under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 301 *et seq.* The text of Section 21a-100 is attached at the end of this document for your reference.

If enacted, Senate Bill 311 will clarify the law to allow Gus Sclafani Importers and other Connecticut food businesses to manufacture, import and/or sell certain food items that may not be enriched. But, these food items must absolutely comply with federal and state standards as stated under Connecticut Section 21a-100.

**Thanks very much for your support of Senate Bill 311.**

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TEXT OF CONNECTICUT SECTION 21a-100 FOR YOUR REFERENCE →

Connecticut General Statutes Annotated

Title 21a. Consumer Protection (Refs & Annos)

Chapter 418. Uniform Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (Refs & Annos)

C.G.S.A. § 21a-100

§ 21a-100. Definitions and standards for food

Definitions and standards of identity, quality and fill of container and their amendments, now or hereafter adopted under authority of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act,<sup>1</sup> shall be the definitions of standards of identity, quality and fill of containers in this state. Whenever the commissioner and director agree that such action will promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of consumers, they, acting jointly may promulgate regulations establishing definitions and standards of identity, quality and fill of container for foods where no federal regulations exist. Temporary permits granted by federal authority for interstate shipment of experimental packs of food varying from the requirements of federal definitions and standards of identity shall be effective in this state under the conditions provided in such permits. In prescribing a definition and standard of identity for any food or class of food in which optional ingredients are permitted, the commissioner and director, acting jointly, shall, for the purpose of promoting honesty and fair dealing in the interest of consumers, designate the optional ingredients which shall be named on the label. The definitions and standards so promulgated shall conform, so far as practicable, to the definitions and standards promulgated under authority of the federal act, the federal Meat Inspection Act<sup>2</sup> or the federal Poultry Inspection Act.<sup>3</sup>

**Credits**

(1949 Rev., § 3938; 1958 Rev., § 19-220; 1971, P.A. 169.)

Footnotes

1

21 U.S.C.A. § 301 et seq.

2

21 U.S.C.A. § 601 et seq.

3

21 U.S.C.A. § 451 et seq.

C. G. S. A. § 21a-100, CT ST § 21a-100

The statutes and Constitution are current with enactments from the 2015 Regular Session and the June Special Session.