



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 169**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 575]

**Honey Regulation**

2009 Wisconsin Act 169 does all of the following:

1. Requires Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) rules that establish standards for products sold as “honey.” These rules are to be consistent with the 2001 CODEX standard for honey.
2. Requires DATCP rules that set standards for honey testing by private labs for the “Wisconsin Certified Honey” program.
3. Prohibits labeling a product as honey or implying that a product is honey unless it meets DATCP standards. The Act also allows a person damaged by improper labeling of honey to receive damages from the violator of no less than \$1,000 and to be awarded attorney fees.
4. Prohibits labeling a product as Wisconsin certified honey or implying that it is unless the product has been tested and shown to meet DATCP standards and was produced in this state.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.