

## **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Food Donation Policy**

Improving Los Angeles World Airport's (LAWA) material resources management programs is one of the four primary focus areas of the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP). Per the SAP, LAWA's goal is to divert food waste from landfills by 2028 and improve the overall non-construction waste diversion rate to 25% by 2025. The SAP identifies expanding food donation and food waste collection efforts and improving waste reduction and recycling programs as key actions to achieving these goals.

LAWA is committed to reducing the volume of food waste generated at LAX by establishing the LAX Food Donation Policy (Policy). While the Policy does not require businesses that sell or distribute food at LAX to donate a certain type or amount of food, it seeks to reduce edible food disposal and expand edible food donation efforts at the airport. The Policy supports SAP objectives and directly aligns with the City of Los Angeles' Green New Deal (Sustainable City pLAn).

### **I. LAX Food Donation Policy**

The LAX Food Donation Policy requires businesses that sell or distribute food at LAX ("LAX Food Businesses") to implement a surplus edible food recovery strategy and report to LAWA annually the quantity of food donated via that strategy. LAX Food Businesses include: concessionaires (sit-down restaurants and ghost kitchens), airline lounges, and caterers (or flight kitchens) (referred to herein as "LAX Food Businesses"). New businesses are required to demonstrate their ability to fulfill policy requirements prior to selling or distributing food at LAX.

The Policy requires that LAX Food Businesses (a) adopt and implement a Business Operational Plan for Surplus Edible Food ("BOPSEF). The BOPSEF is a formal operational plan detailing how the business will avoid edible food disposal, which can include policies and practices the business implements for surplus edible food prevention and/or edible food donation. Practices can include, but are not limited to, partnering with a food donation charity or agency, right-sizing inventory, and donating excess food to employees) and (b) report to LAWA annually its BOPSEF and the food donated pursuant to it.

### **II. Policy Goals**

LAWA's goals are to reduce edible food waste disposal at LAX and repurpose unsold or unused, high-quality food to its highest and best use by donating it to those in need.

### **III. Reporting Requirements**

LAX Food Businesses are required to electronically report to LAWA annually (no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>):

- (1) The BOPSEF for the prior calendar year
- (2) The total pounds and types of food donated by the LAX Food Business during the prior calendar year

*Food donation-related correspondence shall be made through the following email address:*  
[Sustainability@lawa.org](mailto:Sustainability@lawa.org)

#### **IV. Enforcement**

**A. Non-Compliance.** Each of the following circumstances shall constitute non-compliance for purposes of this Section IV:

1. Failure of an LAX Food Business to adopt and implement a BOPSEF as described in Section I.
2. Failure of an LAX Food Business to report to LAWA annually as set forth in Section III.
3. Failure of a new LAX Food Business to comply with the Policy's requirements prior to selling or distributing food at LAX.

**B. Notice of Non-Compliance/Notice to Comply.** LAX Food Businesses not compliant with this Policy will be issued a Notice to Comply (NTC). Non-Compliant LAX Food Businesses will have 30 days to correct the deficiencies set forth in the NTC. Failure to receive an NTC does not relieve the continuing obligation to comply with this Policy.

**C. Default.** Failure to correct deficiencies noted in an NTC within the 30-day period may be considered a default of the applicable LAX permit, license, contract, lease, Non-Exclusive License Agreement (NELA), concessionaire/lounge agreement, and/or Certified Service Provider (CSP) Program. **LAWA's Chief Executive Officer or designee may, pursuant to the applicable terms provided therein, suspend permission for an LAX Food Business to sell or distribute food at LAX or may cancel a permit, license, contract, lease, NELA, concessionaire/lounge agreement or certified provider certification of an LAX Food Business that remains non-compliant with this Food Donation Policy more than 30 days after receipt of the NTC.** In addition, LAWA may seek to recoup its administrative costs from non-compliant entities.

#### **V. Periodic Review**

This Policy/Requirement will be reviewed and updated as deemed necessary by LAWA.