

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

San Bernardino County

California · San Bernardino · FIPS 06071 · Population
2,180,563 · Crosodo Index #1670*

STATE BASELINE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered (see notes)

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

LAST VERIFIED

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IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

San Bernardino County, California — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

Conditional

PETS

State baseline applies

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under California cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ California home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[California label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services (EHS) administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/permits. All CFOs must first obtain local planning/zoning approval: for incorporated areas, a Home Occupation Permit from the city planning department; for unincorporated areas, an Exemption Letter from San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Services. No MEHKO opt-in confirmed for San Bernardino County as of research date.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

State baseline applies

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (All CFOs in San Bernardino County must obtain planning/zoning approval before EHS registration. In incorporated cities: a Home Occupation Permit and business license from the city planning department. In unincorporated county areas: an Exemption Letter from San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Services. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Conditional (Class A: no routine inspection; inspection only upon complaint. Class B: initial inspection before permit issuance; annual inspection thereafter.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	State baseline applies
WATER SUPPLY	State baseline applies
HANDWASHING	State baseline applies
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional — Class A: no routine inspection; inspection only upon complaint. Class B: initial inspection before permit issuance; annual inspection thereafter.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes — All CFOs in San Bernardino County must obtain planning/zoning approval before EHS registration. In incorporated cities: a Home Occupation Permit and business license from the city planning department. In unincorporated county areas: an Exemption Letter from San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Services. Requirements vary by jurisdiction.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct/indirect sales within California only; state baseline applies. Up to 1 full-time equivalent employee (not family/household member) allowed.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	1 full-time equivalent (not counting family/household members) — state baseline

Relevant county code

San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Services (Exemption Letter requirement for unincorporated areas); EHS CFO program documentation

RESEARCH NOTES

San Bernardino County is notable for requiring planning/zoning approval BEFORE submitting the EHS registration application — both incorporated and unincorporated area operators must obtain this. For unincorporated areas, the requirement is an 'Exemption Letter' from County Code Enforcement (not a full permit). Food processor training required within 90 days of EHS approval. EHS has three office locations (San Bernardino, Hesperia, Rancho Cucamonga).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph>

<https://www.sbcounty.gov>

<https://ehs.sbcounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/97/Programs/Food/CottageFoodOps/cottage-food-operations-faq.pdf>

<https://ehs.sbcounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/97/Programs/Food/CottageFoodOps/cottage-food-registration-and-permitting.pdf>

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Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	San Bernardino County	Riverside County	Orange County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct/indirect sales within California only; state baseline applies. Up to 1 full-time equivalent employee (not family/household member) a...	Direct/indirect sales within California only. State baseline applies. Operator may hire up to 1 full-time employee.	Direct and indirect sales fulfilled in person, via mail, or third-party delivery within California only. Operator may hire up to 1 full-tim...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies by city	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies by city	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services (EHS) administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/ permits. All CFOs must first ob...	Riverside University Health System – Environmental Health administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/ permits. No MEHKO opt-in confir...	Orange County Environmental Health administers CFO Class A (direct sales, no inspection) and Class B (indirect/retail, annual inspection) r...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	State baseline applies	Food may only be made and stored in the kitchen and an attached storage room used only for the home operation (state baseline).
POPULATION	2,180,563	2,429,487	3,175,227

State context — California cottage food law

San Bernardino County's rules sit on top of California's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered (see notes)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yes

FOOD HANDLER CERT

Yes (specific course)

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Class B permit holders may sell indirectly through retail stores and restaurants statewide; Class A registrants are limited to direct sales only and may not sell through any retail or wholesale venue.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **California cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/california.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=113758

State dept cottage food page: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/california/>

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Classifieds

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