

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Imperial County, California?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

Tiered

CALIFORNIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[California permits PDF](#)[California cottage food law page](#)[California Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Imperial County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Imperial County, California. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

California cottage food is registered at the county. CDPH does not issue cottage-food permits. Class A registration and Class B permits are handled by the county (or city) environmental health department where you live. If this file only has a county homepage, call Environmental Health and ask for the cottage-food (CFO) page. Class A is registration. Class B is a permit.

Official source: [CDPH Cottage Food Operations](#)

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California permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf>

California cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/california/imperial-county>

Imperial County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/imperial-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

California registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. 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.

California permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf](https://www.crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/california](https://www.crosodo.com/states/california)

California Department of Public Health: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Statute: [Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. California Gov. Code §51035 preempts local zoning restrictions on cottage food operations. Imperial County Environmental Health handles CFO registrations. No local zoning restrictions can be imposed on qualifying cottage food operations.

Health

No. Class A: no initial inspection. Class B: inspection required. Complaint-based inspections possible.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only within California. Class B: direct and indirect sales within California. No interstate sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

CDPH does not permit commissaries. Counties do. California cottage food (Class A/B) is county environmental health. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food facility under CalCode, also at county environmental health, on a different application than the CFO form.

Official source: [CDPH food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.icphd.org/environmental-health/food/food-establishments>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.imperialcounty.gov>

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

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

Imperial County and nearby places

Regulation	Imperial County	Riverside County	San Diego County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets not allowed in food prep areas; assessed during Class B inspection.	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only within California. Class B: direct and indirect sales within California. No interstate sales.	Direct/indirect sales within California only. State baseline applies. Operator may hire up to 1 full-time employee.	MEHKO permits on-site dining, pickup, and delivery by operator/staff. CFO allows in-home direct sales and online orders. State preemption b...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies by city	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies by city	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap (CPI-adjusted 2025). Class B: direct and indirect sales, ~\$172,411 annual cap, requires hom...	Riverside University Health System – Environmental Health administers CFO Class A and Class B registrations/permits. No MEHKO opt-in confir...	San Diego County opted into the permanent MEHKO program (effective January 5, 2024), administered by the Department of Environmental Health...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods stored in clean, sanitary conditions.	State baseline applies	State baseline applies
POPULATION	179,578	2,429,487	3,289,701

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

California permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf

California cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california

Imperial County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/imperial-county