

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Aiken County, South Carolina?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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SOUTH CAROLINA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[South Carolina permits PDF](#)

[South Carolina cottage food law page](#)

[South Carolina Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: S.C. Code §44-1-145](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Aiken County, South Carolina. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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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.

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

Where to file

State

South Carolina registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Since the 2022 amendment, home-based food operations may sell to retail stores and grocery stores in addition to direct-to-consumer sales including online and mail order. Retail stores that sell home-based food products must post clearly visible signage indicating the products are not subject to commercial food regulations.

South Carolina permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-carolina.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/south-carolina

South Carolina Department of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

Statute: [S.C. Code §44-1-145](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Aiken County may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses in residential zones. County URLs were blank in input. Aiken city has separate municipal zoning.

Health

No. SC Department of Agriculture may inspect upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales allowed (retail stores, grocery stores since 2022 amendment), online, mail order with delivery.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DHEC licenses retail food. South Carolina home-based food production is a home path. A commissary is a retail food establishment licensed by DHEC.

Official source: [SCDHEC food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.aikencounty.gov>

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.aikencounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

Aiken County and nearby places

Regulation	Aiken County	Orangeburg County	Lexington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state law.	All animals including pets must be excluded from production area during food production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed (retail stores, grocery stores since 2022 amendment), online, mail order with delivery.	Direct and indirect sales permitted: from home, at farmers markets, at events, to retail stores, online with in-state or out-of-state deliv...	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be primary domestic residence kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Operations with net earnings below \$1,500 exempt entirely...	South Carolina: non-PHF foods from primary domestic residence kitchen are allowed without registration or inspection. 2022 amendment (Act N...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS foods only
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage.	No specific statutory requirement.	Stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	169,865	84,159	295,934

More pages for this place

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

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