



**South Carolina Department of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 11280  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

**SOUTH CAROLINA FOOD AND COSMETIC SALVAGER APPLICATION**

The South Carolina Food and Cosmetic Act require that all salvage operations dealing in foods and cosmetics be permitted by the State Department of Agriculture. Permits expire each year on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**There is no charge for the original permit or renewals.** However, failure to submit the proper application will result in the forfeiture of your right to perform or assist in performing the duties of a Salvager in the state of South Carolina. To perform these duties without a permit is a breach of State Law.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as an  
(Applicant's Name)

authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Firm's Name)

located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Physical Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State and Zip)

hereby apply for a permit to operate in South Carolina as an authorized salvager of foods and cosmetics as a: [Check Permit Type (s)]

- General Salvager
- Railroad Salvager
- Out-of-State Salvager
- Salvager Distributor
- Salvage Auction Firm

**NOTE: You must apply for a separate salvage permit for each location you operate. Contact Number is required**

**It is hereby agreed that all such salvage work will be in compliance with the South Carolina Food and Cosmetic Act and its Regulations for Salvage Operators Dealing in Foods and Cosmetics.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State) (ZIP Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

(Email Address) Would you like to receive your renewal notice by email? Yes No

*You will receive a Permit from the Department of Agriculture which must be displayed for public view at your salvage operation business.*

**There is no charge for the original permit or renewals. You may obtain additional forms at:**  
[www.agriculture.sc.gov](http://www.agriculture.sc.gov) and click on the Forms link.

**Or return this form to:**  
**SC Department of Agriculture  
Lab and Consumer Services  
Attn: Alicia Hendrix  
PO Box 11280  
Columbia SC 29211-1280**

For assistance, please contact Alicia Hendrix, [ahendrix@scda.sc.gov](mailto:ahendrix@scda.sc.gov) or Derek Underwood, [dunder@scda.sc.gov](mailto:dunder@scda.sc.gov) or call 803-737-9700.

**5-361. PERMITS**

- 1. No person shall act as a salvager in South Carolina unless he has a permit as provided in these regulations issued by the Commissioner.**
- 2. There shall be five permit classifications for salvagers.** These shall be designated as follows (a) GENERAL SALVAGER. The General Salvager is required to have proper facilities for cleaning and sanitizing food and cosmetic containers that are salvageable (b) RAILROAD SALVAGER ONLY. The Railroad Salvager may segregate and clean soiled containers resulting from unit breakage or damage, which may be done with a cloth dampened with potable water. (c) OUT-OF-STATE SALVAGER. The Out-of-State Salvager may do general salvaging provided adequate facilities are made available and the salvage work is done under the supervision of the Department. (d) SALVAGE DISTRIBUTOR. The Salvage Distributor may only distribute and sell salvaged food and cosmetics after they have been reconditioned. In addition, the Salvage Distributor may do a minimal amount of segregating and cleaning soiled containers resulting from unit breakage or damage, which may be done with a cloth dampened with potable water. (e) SALVAGE AUCTION FIRM. The Salvage Auction Firm must have a business location and address from which business is conducted. An auction firm may not recondition or reprocess foods or cosmetics unless it also holds a General Salvager Permit.
- 3. Applications for permits shall be made upon a form provided by the Commissioner.** Application for permit renewal shall be made on or before June the first in each year for the permit year beginning the following July the first. There shall be no charge for this application.
- 4. The applicant shall satisfy the Commissioner** that he has adequate physical facilities for salvaging food and cosmetic products. If so satisfied, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant a permit which shall be nontransferable. Where a person has more than one salvage operation, a separate permit is required for each location.
- 5. The Commissioner may decline to grant a permit** or may suspend or revoke a permit already granted after due notice to the applicant by mail or otherwise when it appears (1) that any statement in the application or upon which it was issued is or was false or misleading, (2) that the applicant or permit holder does not have adequate physical facilities for salvaging food and cosmetic products, or (3) that the applicant has failed to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations.
- 6. The permit shall be displayed conspicuously** in the place of business.