

South Carolina DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WHOLESALE FOOD SAFETY DEPARTMENT

123 Ballard Court, West Columbia, SC 29172

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. 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.

Applicant's Name		as all
authorized representative of	of Firm's Name	
located at Business Physical A	ddress	
hereby apply for a permit to foods and cosmetics as a: [o operate in South Carolina a [Check Permit Type(s)]	s an authorized salvager of
☐ 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		
City, State, ZIP		Phone
Would you like to receive y	our renewal notice by email?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Email Address		

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:

agriculture.sc.gov/forms

Please return this form to:

South Carolina Department of Agriculture Attn: Emily Brown 123 Ballard Court West Columbia, SC 29172

For additional assistance, contact:

Emily Brown

803-737-1922 | embrown@scda.sc.gov

5-361. PERMITS

- 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.
- The permit shall be displayed conspicuously in the place of business.

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