Wholesale Food Businesses

Defined as a business who sells food products to other food businesses and/or distributors and who are typically permitted by the SC Department of Agriculture (SCDA) with further permitting via FDA for Interstate Commerce

Steps to success…

1) Form a business plan with exactly which products you would like to produce at Colleton Commercial Kitchen and contact the SCDA to ascertain if product testing will be required for your RVC permit application.

2) Speak with the Clemson Food2Market program and get your products tested https://www.clemson.edu/extension/food/food2market/ in order to obtain a process letter for your SCDA application.

3) Complete the application process for Colleton Commercial Kitchen to be your commissary:

   - Provide a copy of your liability insurance with Colleton Commercial Kitchen as the additional named insured
   - Complete application to Colleton Commercial Kitchen *www.colletonkitchen.org/downloads*
   - Pay your $150 kitchen deposit (cash, check or card)
   - Sign up for a free Food Corridor account www.thefoodcorridor.com

4) Complete and submit the application (RVC) via the SCDA https://agriculture.sc.gov/divisions/consumer-protection/food-safety-compliance/

   - Business Plan
   - Process Letter
   - Product Labels (a graphic designer or other professional help may be required for this step)

5) Once your application is approved, SCDA will call you to arrange your permit inspection where they'll watch you make a small batch of product and approve your process to begin production. Your RVC Permit will be issued and you will then be allowed to start production at Colleton Commercial Kitchen

6) If you have an acidified or low acid canned food and are considering wholesaling across state lines or internationally, you will need to register your process with the FDA. https://www.fda.gov/food/establishment-registration-process-filing-acidified-and-low-acid-canned-foods-lacf/establishment-registration-and-process-filing-acidified-and-low-acid-canned-foods-lacf-electronic