



## Co-Packer Information Packet

-Everything to build your brand...including the kitchen sink-

A reference tool to guide you through the CO-PACKING process at **PURVEYORS KITCHEN** 

## Co-Packing at PURVEYORS KITCHEN

-Everything to build your brand...including the kitchen sink-





Since we opened, **PURVEYORS KITCHEN** has assisted one customer after the next in entering the world of building their brands. With a hands-on, quality driven approach to product development and artisan style manufacturing, we strive to deliver a product everyone can be proud of. Our capabilities include:

- Hot and cold fill
- Wet type products (i.e., barbecue sauces, marinades, mustards, pasta sauces, salad dressings, salsas, etc.)
- Retail-size glass & institutional-size plastic containers (5 gallon buckets, 1 and 1/2 gallon jugs)
- Pouching
- Can work with:
  - -Chef & restaurant signature products
  - -Grower's value-added products
  - -Entrepreneur's secret recipes
- Certified by QAI for organic processing
- Friendly minimums
- Free pH test and preliminary quote

### **Food Safety Certifications**

**PURVEYORS KITCHEN** is devoted to food safety. All of the products we produce are safe and of the highest quality that meets the needs of today's consumer, as well as evolving food safety standards.

- Facility approved and inspected by the US FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (FCE #02752)
- Facility approved and inspected by the California Department of Public Heath, Food and Drug Branch (Processed Food, Organic Processed Food Registration and Cannery License #75867)
- Certified for organic processing by QAI, Inc.
- Member of the California League of Food Processors
- HACCP, GMP, Food Safety & Food Security programs
- HACCP & SQF certified manager by NSF Inc.
- SQF certified in-house expert
- Third Party Audit by NSF Cook & Thurber
- County of Placer, Business License #80766

**Our goal** is to recreate your recipe as closely as possible while achieving the same flavor profile, mouthfeel, viscosity and sense of quality as the original.

### What is the first step?

To get started, contact us to learn more about what **PURVEYORS KITCHEN** can do for you. A free consultation concerning your recipe or product idea can be arranged to help you take that next step.

## How much does it cost to bottle my product?

There are a variety of factors that determine the cost including ingredients, container, fill weight, kettle yield and so on. In order to give you an accurate quote, we must see your recipe. We will provide you with a Non-Disclosure Agreement, which you are free to have your attorney review.

## What is the time frame for getting a product produced?

There are many factors that affect the time frame for getting a product bottled, including recipe development, label design and printing, ingredient sourcing and availability and the production schedule. Therefore, the journey of each recipe, from concept to bottled product, is unique.

## Do we require a production formula?

Although we do require a recipe in either grams or pounds, we do not need it to be a production formula. We offer product development services at a reasonable price in order to help convert your home or restaurant recipe to a production formula.

#### What is the minimum first run?

A minimum run is 1 batch of product per recipe, which is approximately 70-200 cases (12 units per case) depending on the size of the bottle or jar.

## New Co-Packer Process



- a. PK will e-mail you the Co-Packing Intro Packet
- b. Get the co-packing questionnaire and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) on our website under the Contact Us section or by contacting our customer relations department.

#### Step 2. Preliminary Evaluation

- a. Sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement and return to PK along with the questionnaire
- b. Send recipe to PK
  - 1. Include ingredient specifications brand, type, characteristics (minced, dried, frozen, etc.)
  - 2. Include the weight in grams or the percentage by weight of each ingredient
- c. Send product sample(s) to PURVEYORS KITCHEN
  - 1. 2 containers of each product in bottles/jars that are the approximate size of your desired final package
  - 2. PK performs a FREE pH Test to confirm that the product has a pH of less than 4.6
  - 3. PK determines if the product is compatible with production equipment
- d. PK will provide a FREE Preliminary Price Quote on standard recipes (fees may apply for specialty & organics)
- e. Send signed Preliminary Price Quote to back to PK
- f. If desired, meet with Co-Packing Specialist & take a plant tour
  - 1. Discuss and decide upon ingredient and packaging options
  - 2. Tour facility

#### Step 3. Test Batch

- a. PK produces 10 lb. test batch for your first product (\$1,100 for each conventional test batch) Lower fees apply for additional similar items and for repeat business
  - 1. PK will send 2-6 bottles to you for evaluation
  - 2. Repeat until desired flavor profile, mouthfeel, viscosity and sense of quality is achieved (\$400 each)

#### Step 4. Product Information Created

- a. PK sends paperwork to state for S-Number & pH Release documentation
- b. PK emails you the product information
  - 1. Ingredients statement, allergen statement, net weight declaration, nutrition facts panel (NLEA) and maximum label size
- c. PK sends a Final Price Quote for each product
  - 1. Send PK signed Final Price Quote, along with a Purchase Order and 50% down payment

#### Step 5. Label Compliance Review

- a. Send PDF of final label artwork to PK for compliance review
- b. If unapproved printer, request sample of label material and adhesive be sent to PK for testing
- c. Upon approval of the label and materials by PK, the labels may now be printed
  - 1. If the product is Organic, the label and accompanying paperwork will be sent to QAI for certification. Once the product and label have been certified, the labels may now be printed.
- d. For non GMO or other certifications, please contact the customer relations department

#### Step 6. Production Authorized

- a. PK sources, orders and receives the ingredients and packaging supplies
  - **Note:** If your product requires unique ingredients or packaging, you will be responsible for all special orders. Please contact the customer relations manager for co-packing for more details.
- b. PK receives the labels
- c. PK schedules your product for production

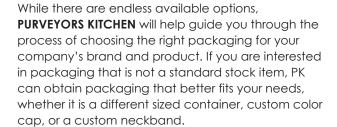
#### Step 7. Product Produced

- a. PK produces the product, co-packers are welcome to attend their first run (some restrictions apply)
- b. If required, PK arranges for the state to pH test the product
  - 1. State Official tests and releases batch for resale

#### Step 8. Product Shipped

a. Once the balance has been paid, the product will be released for pick-up/delivery

## Retail Packaging Options



**Note:** Special packaging generally requires longer lead times, minimum orders and extra charges. Clients will be responsible for any unique packaging requests. Please contact the co-packing customer relations manager if you have any questions

### **Containers**

The container sets the tone for your product. Along with industry standards, PK can help you choose a shape and size that is appropriate for your product. Below is a list of the glass containers that PK stocks.

5 oz Woozy	12 oz Fluted (12 & 20 sided)
6 oz Ring Neck	16 oz Salsa
7 3/4 Cream Jar	16 oz Paragon
8 oz Paragon	16 oz Decanter
8 oz Composite	24 oz Pasta
8 oz Ring Neck	250 mL Bottle
9 oz Cream Jar	375 mL Composite
9 oz Hexagon	375 mL Claret
12 oz Paragon	750 mL Bar Mix
12 oz Ring Neck	750 mL Claret

## **Neckbands**

For both bottles and jars of all shapes and sizes, a neckband is a simple way to add safety and perceived value to your product. Neckbands come in a wide variety of colors and a custom design can even be printed on the neckbands to create a more unique package.

For more information, please contact:

#### **Templock Enterprises**

The Vercal Building 170 1 N. Calle Cesar Chavez Santa Barbara, CA. 93103 (805) 962-3100 templock.com

### Caps & Lids

PK stocks either metal lugs or plastic black caps and lids for all of the containers we supply. Special orders can be coordinated with the co-packing customer relations manager.

### **Capsules**

For certain bottles, a capsule is an alternative way to add safety and perceived value to your product. Capsules come in multiple sizes with a full range of features, including a variety of colors, hot foil stamping, tear tabs and air holes. The capsules can even have a custom design printed on them to further enhance the look of your product.

For more information about capsules, please contact **Enoplastic USA** at (707) 207-7904 or look them up on-line at **enoplastic.com** 

### Labels

To learn more about labels, see the **Retail Label Information** & **Basic Label Compliance** pages.

### **Additional Elements**

**Neck Hangers** are used to include additional info with a package that would not otherwise fit on the label. Company history, product romance or recipes are just a few of the items that can be found on neck hangers. Labor for including neck hangers on bottles will add an additional fee.

**Box/Warehouse Labels** are often required by major distributors or retail venues to track inventory. Check with the warehouse in question to determine what their label information requirements are. Prices start at \$0.01 per label.

**Custom Boxes or Retail Ready Boxes** usually have additional requirements and special pricing. Contact our customer relations department for more info.

### **Organic Products**

Organic products are regulated by the USDA and must meet certain criteria to qualify for one of the three different organic levels. Please read the page titled **Organic Information** to learn more.

PURVEYORS KITCHEN has all the tools you need for developing your brand and your product. We offer label design & printing, packaging design, nutritional analysis, UPC bar codes and much more!

## Pouch & Foodservice Options

## **Pouch Packaging**

We have broadened our packaging capabilities to provide you with even more options to meet your sales objectives. PK has the ability to repack your current products into pouches or to add pouches to your bottle orders.

- Single-serving foil pillow pouches
- 5 gram to 8 ounce capacity
- Flexible snip-to-open pouches
- Up to 12 month shelf life for most products

### **Benefits**

- Shelf-stable packaging
- Less packaging = lower freight costs
- Smaller shelf and storage footprint

#### **Great for:**

- Samples
- Demos
- Foodservice
- Retail
- Concessions

### Can work with custom films

- Clear or metalized barilayer
- Clear EVOH
- Clear nvlon
- Metalized PET

Contact our customer relations department for more info



## **Foodservice**

Restaurants, delis, caterers and many other types of businesses prefer to utilize products that can be supplied in larger containers.

PURVEYORS KITCHEN currently fill 5 gallon buckets as well as gallon & 1/2 gallon jugs.

### **Containers & Caps**

PK stocks two standard HDPE plastic containers for foodservice needs: 1/2 gallon and 1 gallon. The shelf-life is typically around six months, but may vary depending on the product type.

PK stocks plastic white caps for both of the foodservice containers that are stocked.

Please note that non-stock packaging generally requires longer lead times, minimum orders and extra charges.

### Labels

Foodservice labels are generally very simple and contain only FDA required elements as these labels are not seen by the consumer. We offer stock 3x5" white matte labels that have the required elements printed in black. If you would like to provide your own labels, that can be arranged.

## Retail Label Information

The label is the finishing touch on the packaging of your product. It can draw in potential consumers, enticing them to take a closer look. It also contains the elements that are required by law to inform the consumer about the product, including ingredients, nutritional information and allergens to name a few. Below is some basic information that will help you get started with the design of your label.

### **Trademark**

A trademark is a type of intellectual property that consists of a distinctive sign or indicator used to identify that the products or services offered to consumers originate from a unique source. While it is not required to register your brand, it is helpful to make sure that your brand will not infringe on another company's trademark. To learn more about trademarks or to research registered trademarks, go to **uspto.gov.** 

### **Product Information**

PK will provide you with an FDA compliant ingredients statement, allergen statement, nutrition facts panel (NLEA) and net weight declaration for each product.

We encourage all of our clients to include USA in their address and add **MADE IN THE USA** to their label. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has preferred marketing funding programs to help you market your product and PK can assist you with meeting the requirements as well as managing the application process. We can also help you with marketing to export clients.

### **UPC** Barcode

A UPC barcode is a method of automatic identification that allows information to be captured quickly and accurately. Each barcode is specific to one product and must be purchased from an outside vendor.

If you wish to utilize a UPC Barcode on your product and do not plan on selling to Wal-Mart or Kroger, we recommend purchasing one at **buyabarcode.com** (starting at \$85.00) or nationwidebarcode.com (starting at \$14.95), though any barcode vendor is acceptable. If you need a unique GS1 Company Prefix, visit www.gs1.org/barcodes/need\_a\_bar\_code

## **Printing Specifications**

Below are the specifications that are required for all labels used at PK, which will ensure compatibility with our equipment, the packaging and the environment (i.e. refrigeration). Your printer will need these to give you an accurate price quote for labels.

- Pressure sensitive labels
- Respositionable adhesive All Temperture (AT-1, AT-20, AT-333 or equivalent)
- Precision slit
- 1/8" space between labels
- 3" cores
- Rewind #4, Unwind left side off first
- 10" OD on label rolls
- Custom die-cuts, new material & new adhesives MUST be tested by PK prior to printing.

Below are a few of the printers we work with. They know our printing requirements and will work with you to produce a label that meets your needs as well.

#### **Best Label**

Travis Gilkey Union City, CA 94587 510-429-3594 www.bestlabel.com travisg@bestlabel.com

#### Roto-Litho North

Rusty Burkett Verdi, NV 89439 775-225-4884 www.rotolitho.com rusty@rotolitho.com

#### **MPI Label Systems**

Stockton, CA 95215 209-467-2470 www.mpilabels.com cainfo@mpilabels.com

#### **Belmark**

600 Heritage Road P.O. Box 5310 De Pere, WI 54115 920-336-2848 www.belmark.com

## Reviews & Approval

PK requires that all labels used in its facility undergo an in-house compliance review prior to being printed. Also, a materials test is required if you plan to use a printer that has not been approved by PK. Production will not be authorized until both of these requirements have been met.

# **Graphic** Designers

#### Laura Tietz Design

Laura Tietz Portland, OR (503)684-1029 I-t@lauratietzdesign.com www.lauratietzdesign.com

#### **Hull & Honeycutt**

Frank Honeycutt Sacramento, CA 95815 (916) 929-4777 frank@hullhoneycutt.com

#### MG Design

Meredith Gross Graton, CA 95444 (707) 829-9821 meredith@designmg.com www.designmg.com

## **Basic Label Compliance**





The FDA is responsible for ensuring that foods sold in the United States are safe, wholesome and properly labeled. The regulations that govern product labeling can be found in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 101). Below is a brief description of the basic label components that are required. PK will work with you and your graphic designer to ensure that each label is compliant and ready for production.

## **Principal Display Panel (PDP)**

PDP is "The portion of the label that is most likely to be seen by the consumer at the time of purchase." Depending on the jar or bottle, the viewable portion of the label varies between 2.75-3.25". Place the following items on the PDP:

- 1a Brand or Company Logo Must be on the PDP.
- **2a. Product Name** Should be one of the most prominent features on the PDP and be generally parallel to the base of the package.
- 3a. Net Contents At least 1/8" tall (12-13pt depending on font), placed within the bottom 30% of PDP. Do not crowd, must be surrounded by a minimum of 1/8" of space.

**Note:** Use of the organic Ceritfication Symbol on any label requires proof on file with PK. See the **Organic Information** page for more info.

### **Information Panels**

"The label panel immediately to the right of the PDP, as displayed to the consumer. If unusable or full, then the next label panel immediately to the right." The left and right panels are used for the following mandatory items, as well as the product or company romance, recipes and any other information you might want to include.

#### **Right Side Panel**

- **1b. NLEA Facts Panel** Black or one color type/lines on a white or neutral background. Recommend Arial or Helvetica font. All type must be 6pt or larger.
- 2-3b. Ingredients, Allergen Statement & Allergen Facility Statement- At least 1/16" tall (measured by the lower case "o"). Recommend Arial (7pt). Can use all uppercase letters to meet height requirement.

#### Left Side Panel

- 1c. Romance Copy-part of the label that is not mandated by regulations. You may use this space to tell your story or talk about your products.
- 2c. Manufacturer Statement Manufactured For or Distributed By, followed by the company name, street address, city, state, USA and zip. The street address can only be omitted if the company can be located in a current city directory or telephone book. Recommend Arial (7pt). It is highly recommended that you include MADE IN THE USA.
- 3c. Shake Well Statement Same requirements as 2b.
- **4c. Bar Code** Optional. For use with retail venues that utilize scanners. To learn more, please see the page titled Retail Label Information.



Not to scale. Label size will vary depending on jar/bottle.

## Organic Information



Organic products are governed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the National Organic Program (NOP). The NOP develops, implements and administers production, handling and labeling standards for organic agricultural products in the United States. The NOP also accredits the certifying agents (foreign and domestic) who inspect organic production and handling operations to certify that they meet USDA standards. PK is a certified Handler (Processor) of organic products by Quality Assurance International.

To learn more about the NOP, visit **ams.usda.gov**To learn more about QAI, visit **qai-inc.com** 

## **Organic Categories & Labels**

There are three main categories by which organic products are organized: 100% Organic, Organic and Made with Organic Ingredients. Each category is defined by the percentage of organic ingredients in the recipe and the items that are permitted on the label. The categories and their basic regulations are outlined below.

### 100% Organic

Products labeled as 100% Organic must contain (excluding water and salt) ONLY organically produced ingredients and processing aids. The label must include the statement Certified Organic by QAI below the Manufacturer Statement and may include the term 100% Organic on the PDP, the use of the word Organic in front of organic ingredients within the Ingredients Statement and the USDA Organic Seal on the PDP.

### **Organic**

Products labeled Organic must consist of at least 95% organically produced ingredients (excluding water and salt). Any remaining ingredients must be approved non organic agricultural products or non agricultural substances on the National List. The label must include the statement Certified Organic by QAI below the Manufacturer Statement and may include the term Organic on the PDP, the use of the word Organic in front of the organic ingredients within the Ingredients Statement, the USDA Organic Seal on the PDP and/or the QAI logo and company information.

### **Made With Organic Ingredients**

Processed products that contain at least 70% organic ingredients can use the phrase Made with Organic Ingredients and list up to three of the organic ingredients or food groups on the PDP. The label may include the percentage of organic content and the QAI logo on the PDP. However, the USDA Organic Seal cannot be used anywhere on the package.

### Certification

Every product and label must be reviewed and certified by QAI before it can be produced by PK. Once the recipe has been approved by you and the label has been approved by PK, the label and accompanying paperwork (Individual Product profile and Organic Ingredient Certificates) will be sent to QAI for review. If everything is correct and meets the NOP regulations, the product and label will be certified and added to the Organic Certificate and Plan Summary for PK. Then the product can be produced and labeled for resale.

