Commercial Kitchens, Bakeries & Food Service: Pack-Out, Chain of Custody & Recertification

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Direct Answer: Commercial kitchen and bakery pack-out requires station-zoned segregation of porous and food-contact items, cold-chain isolation of walk-in refrigeration, dual-track chain of custody for serialized appliances and bulk smallwares, and documented health department, gas-pressure, and hood-suppression recertification before reopening.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Kitchen Zone / Asset Group	Pack-Out & Stabilization Rule	Chain-of-Custody Method	Cross-Contamination Boundary	Recertification / Restart Gate
Hot Cooking Line (Ranges, Fryers, Combi Ovens)	Licensed gas/electrical disconnect; drain fryer oil into approved waste drums	Individual OEM serial tag + manifold shutoff photo log	Keep degreasing solvents and fire-extinguishing powder off stainless controls	Municipal gas pressure test, pilot/thermocouple check & UL 300 hood link sign-off
Bakery & Pastry Equipment (Spiral Mixers, Deck Ovens, Sheeters)	Lock bowls/guards; crate belt guards and stone oven hearths separately	Station-tagged pallet manifest + stone hearth edge-check photos	Separate flour/protein-charred porous wood peels from restorable stainless bowls	Food-contact NSF surface inspection, belt sanitation & thermostat calibration check
Walk-In Coolers, Freezers & Prep Refrigeration	Hold fixed walk-in box; isolate evaporator coils and log condenser pressures	Dedicated cold-chain sensor log + compressor serial verification	Never pack condemned perishable food inside stainless equipment crates	EPA-certified HVAC/R leak & hold test, NSF gasket integrity & 41F/0F stabilization log
Smallwares, Gastronorm Pans, Knives & Bar Gear	Sort by material (304/316 steel vs polycarbonate/wood) at pack-out	Batch-counted crate barcodes grouped by station (Line, Pastry, Garde-Manger)	Prohibit household/non-food chemical racks inside kitchen restoration bays	Food-grade ultrasonic rinse, sanitizer concentration log & ATP/visual swab verification
Dish Pit, Warewashers & Plumbing Trim	Disconnect booster heaters, chemical feed lines, and backflow assemblies	Separate leased chemical dispensers (vendor-owned) from insured machines	Label caustic warewash chemical lines clearly under OSHA HazCom before transport	Sanitizing cycle temperature/PPM test (180F thermal or chemical test strip) & grease-trap check
Point-of-Sale, Kitchen Display Systems & Scales	Photograph cabling; remove thermal paper rolls and wrap in ESD bags	MAC/serial asset tag + NTEP legal-for-trade scale seal check	Keep high-pressure steam and aqueous cleaners away from display enclosures	OEM bench diagnostic, touchscreen calibration & weights-and-measures seal check if disturbed

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Segregate and witness-log condemned perishable food and porous smoke-damaged plastics/wood before packing restorable stainless steel.

• Obtain licensed gas-shutoff, electrical lockout, and UL 300 hood suppression documentation prior to pulling hot-line appliances.

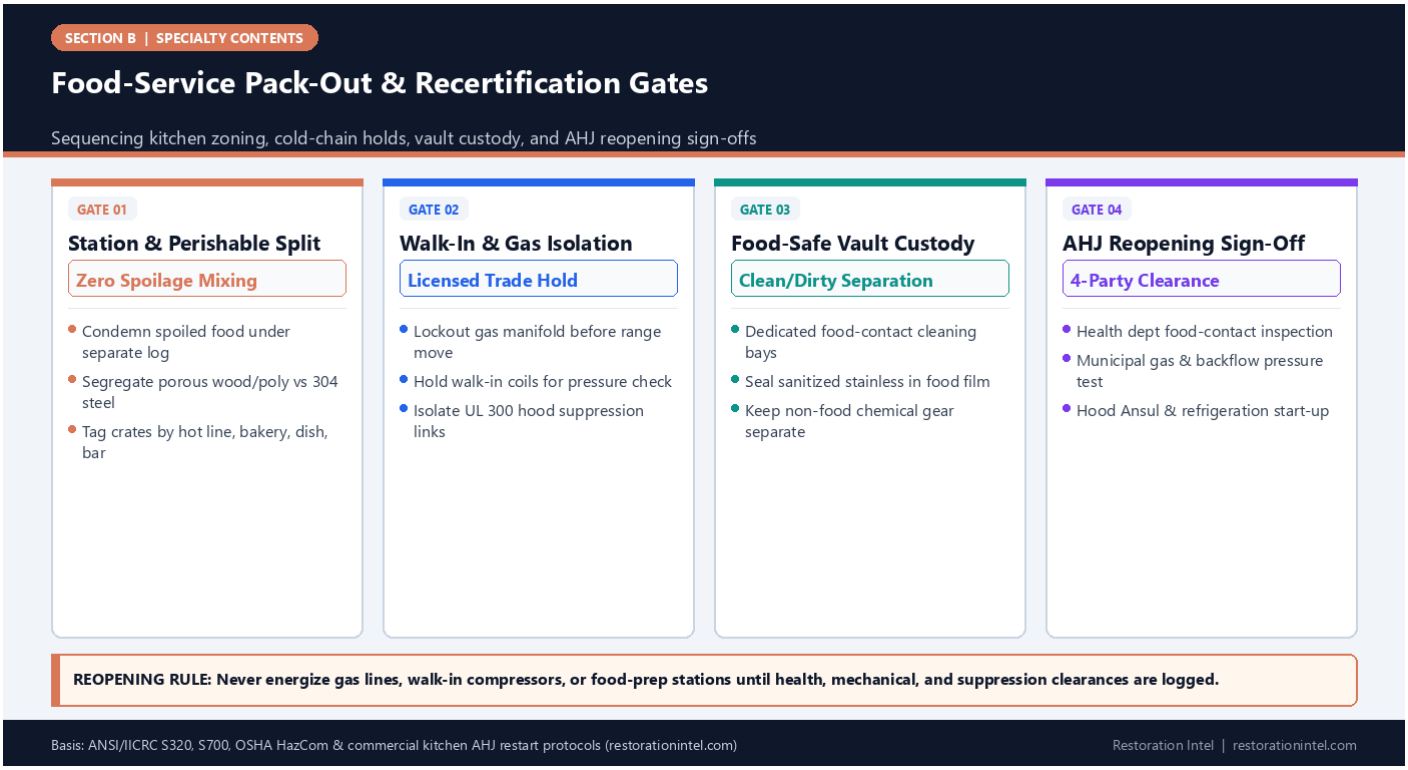
• Keep walk-in refrigeration fixed on site under licensed HVAC/R hold testing; transport reach-ins upright only after defrosting.

• Bar-code and station-tag every crate (Hot Line, Prep, Bakery, Dish, Bar) and flag vendor-leased dispensers separately.

• Process food-contact assets exclusively in isolated food-grade wash bays with zero fragrances or non-food solvents, then shroud clean.

• Compile gas pressure clearance, UL 300 hood re-tag, refrigeration temp logs, and health-department food-contact sign-offs before reopening.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

• **Markdown Twin (plain text):**
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• **ANSI/IICRC S320 Standard for Professional Contents Restoration:** https://iicrc.org/s320/

• **ANSI/IICRC S500 Water Damage Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s500/

• **ANSI/IICRC S700 Fire & Smoke Restoration Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s700/

• **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HazCom):** https://www.osha.gov/hazcom

• **US EPA Hazardous Waste Framework:** https://www.epa.gov/hw