Retail Pharmacies & Controlled Dispensaries: Pack-Out, Chain of Custody & Recertification

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Direct Answer: Restoration crews must never pack out Schedule II–V controlled substances or adulterated drugs onto general vault trucks; instead, controlled stock remains under Pharmacist-in-Charge custody for DEA Form 41 reverse-distributor destruction while salvageable hardware requires OEM calibration and ISO 14644 cleanroom recertification before re-occupancy.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Material / Asset Stream	Allowed on Restoration Truck?	Custody & Sealing Protocol	Governing Form / Manifest	Return-to-Service / Recertification Gate
Schedule II–V Controlled Substances	NEVER — Prohibited by DEA registration rules	Remains in locked pharmacy safe or PIC-controlled quarantine on site	DEA Form 41 (destruction) or Form 106 (if theft/loss)	Witnessed reverse-distributor pickup or on-site destruction; zero vault storage
Adulterated Non-Controlled Rx & OTC Drugs	NO — Quarantined for licensed waste/reverse disposal	Double-lined, numbered, tamper-evident quarantine totes in locked bay	Insurer disposal auth + EPA pharmaceutical waste manifest	Signed disposal certificate & witness photos before site clearance
USP <800> Hazardous Drug Residues & Spill Debris	NO — Licensed hazardous waste carrier only	Segregated rigid UN-rated drums labeled per OSHA HazCom	Hazardous Waste Manifest under EPA rules	Surface wipe/decon verification before cleanroom rebuild
Hard-Copy Rx Binders & HIPAA Patient Files	Conditional — Sealed locked bins / freeze-dry vendor only	Numbered tamper-evident security totes with dual custody signatures	J-04 Chain of Custody + HIPAA Business Associate controls	Restored & reconciled page/binder count returned to PIC
Automated Dispensing Robots & Balances	Yes — Only after PIC removes all drug cassettes/tablets	Empty all drug cells on site; air-ride padded crating	Serial-indexed pack-out tag + OEM transport checklist	OEM field calibration, NIST weight cert & test-dispense log
Compounding Hoods (LAFW / BSC) & Steel Fixtures	Yes — After preliminary surface decon if USP <800>	Seal open ports, tag HEPA media for replacement, wrap stainless frames	Equipment pack-out manifest & rigging log	HEPA replacement + CETA/ISO 14644 airflow certification

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Keep all Schedule II–V controlled substances strictly off restoration trucks and under PIC lock until DEA reverse-distributor transfer (Form 41).

• Quarantine condemned non-controlled drugs in numbered, tamper-evident totes pending adjuster sign-off and licensed pharmaceutical waste pickup.

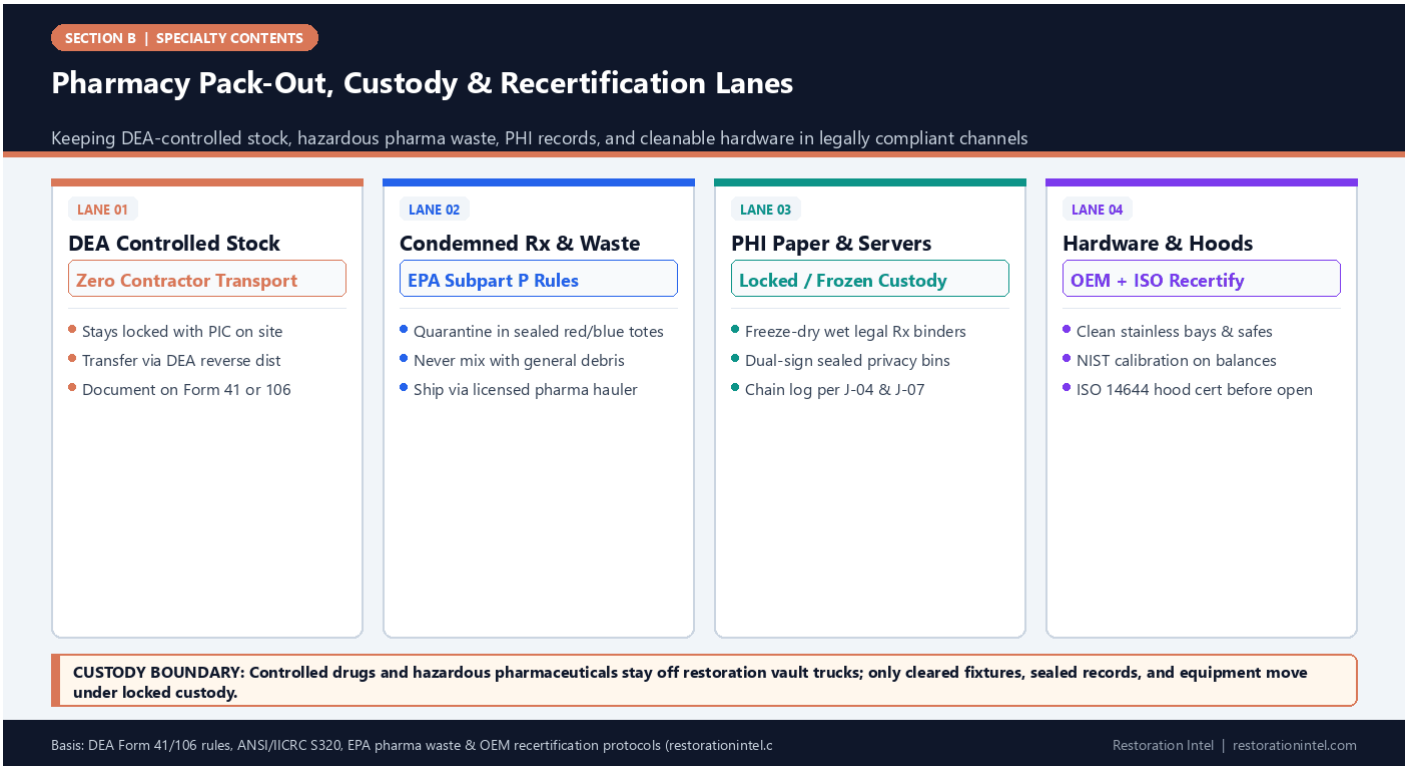
• Segregate USP <800> hazardous drugs, warfarin, nicotine, and pressurized inhalers into EPA-compliant hazardous pharma waste drums.

• Pack wet legal prescription binders into locked, BAA-covered security totes for freeze-dry recovery with dual-signature seal logs.

• Empty all tablet canisters from dispensing robots on site prior to crating, and document serial-level disconnection.

• Attach OEM calibration, NIST scale certification, and ISO 14644 compounding-hood recertification reports before pharmacy reopening.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

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• **ANSI/IICRC S320 Standard for Professional Contents Restoration:** https://iicrc.org/s320/

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

• **OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard:**
https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132

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

• **NIST Privacy Framework:** https://www.nist.gov/privacy-framework