

Home-based maker compliance checklist

A self-check, not a Homewaala requirement beyond what's in the seller attestation you complete on Homewaala itself. Mirrors the same categories as that attestation, so the terms line up with what you'll see there.

Food sellers

- I have a valid California Cottage Food registration or permit (Class A or B) for the county I sell from.
- I know my permit class's rules on what I can and can't sell (see CDPH's Cottage Food program page, linked from Homewaala's Compliance page).
- I label every food item with ingredients and allergen information.
- I know my county's exact required label wording (this can vary by county — check with your local environmental health department).

Mehndi / henna artists

- I use natural henna only.
- I understand “black henna” (PPD) is not permitted and carries a real chemical-burn risk to clients.

Every home-based maker

- I've checked my lease or HOA rules for any restriction on running a business from home.
- I've checked my city's home-occupation rules (some cities require a simple home-occupation permit or registration).
- I understand my sales income is taxable, regardless of whether I receive a 1099-K (see the tax-readiness checklist).
- I've thought about liability insurance for my home business — most homeowner's/renter's policies do not cover business activity, and Homewaala's own insurance (if any) does not cover you, your products, or your services.
- I'm comfortable with product photos being used with my listing (never photos of you personally or your home) — I can request removal of my data at any time.

This checklist is a starting point for your own reference — it does not replace the actual attestation you complete when setting up your Homewaala profile, and following it is on you, not something Homewaala verifies for you.