



Food Notice

Approved Food Control Plan Template (Ministry of Education)

Template approved under section 40

20 July 2020

TITLE

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COMMENCEMENT

This Food Notice comes into force on 20 July 2020

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Food Notice is issued under section 40 of the Food Act 2014.

Dated at Wellington, 20 July 2020



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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Food Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this Food Notice is for the chief executive (CE) of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to approve a food control plan template that has been developed by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

Background

The purpose of the Food Act 2014 (the Act) includes achieving the safety and suitability of food for sale, maintaining confidence in New Zealand's food safety regime and providing for risk-based measures that minimise and manage risks to public health.

The Act requires some food businesses to operate under a food control plan (FCP) to ensure that food produced by that business is safe and suitable.

Section 40 of the Act allows the CE of MPI to:

- approve, by notice, templates or model FCPs developed by people other than the CE for up to 3 years;
- set conditions subject to which approval is given;
- issue a new Notice approving an approved template or model for a further period of up to 3 years;
- issue a Notice suspending or withdrawing approval of a template or model.

The template approved by this Food Notice has been approved by MPI as it meets the requirements of the Act. MPI is satisfied that the template specified in this Food Notice enables meal providers at schools participating in the Ministry of Education Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme (the Programme) to receive, store, transport and serve safe and suitable food. In particular, the template identifies:

- hazards that are reasonably likely to occur;
- appropriate controls for those hazards;
- steps for monitoring of appropriate limits;
- what to do when situations arise that require corrective actions.

Approval for this template expires within 3 years of the date that this Notice is issued. Before this date, the MoE can apply for a new approval for a further period of up to 3 years.

Who should read this Food Notice?

This notice applies to meal providers at schools participating in the Programme.

Why is this important?

The templates approved by this Food Notice has been developed by the MoE specifically for use by all schools participating in the Programme. The MoE cannot amend the template or add additional material to the template.

The MoE is responsible for ensuring that all schools participating in the Programme are verified by a person or agency who is recognised to verify template FCPs.

Document History

Version	Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description

Part 1: Food Notice Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the Ministry of Education and all schools participating in their Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme (the Programme).

1.2 Definitions

- (1) All terms used in this Notice that are defined in the Food Act 2014 or the Food Regulations 2015, have the same meaning as defined in the Act or Regulations.

1.3 Approval of templates

- (1) The template titled "Approved Food Control Plan Template (Ministry of Education)" and dated 16 July 2020 is approved under section 40 of the Food Act 2014.
- (2) Approval for this template ends 3 years from the date that this Notice is issued.
- (3) The reference number for this template is S40-00009.
- (4) The template may only be used in relation to receiving, storing, making, serving and delivering food in all schools participating in their Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme.