



Approved Food Control Plan Template (New Zealand Aged Care Association)

Templates approved under section 40

25 May 2018

TITLE

Food Notice: Food Notice: Approved Food Control Plan Template (New Zealand Aged Care Association)

COMMENCEMENT

This Food Notice comes into force on 25 May 2018

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Food Notice is issued under sections 40 and 405 of the Food Act 2014.

Dated at Wellington, this 25 May 2018

[signed and dated]

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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 the food control plan template that has been developed by the New Zealand Aged Care Association.

Background

The purposes of the Food Act 2014 (the Act) include 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 registered food control plan (FCP) to ensure that food is safe and suitable.

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

- approve template 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 a 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 Notice has been approved by MPI as it meets the requirements of the Act. MPI is satisfied that the template specified in this Notice enables the preparation and service of safe and suitable food for residents in an aged care residential facility. 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.

The approval for this template expires within 3 years of the date that this notice issued. Before this date, the New Zealand Aged Care Association can apply for a new approval for a further period of up to 3 years.

Who should read this Food Notice?

This Food Notice applies to the New Zealand Aged Care Association, and any residential care business that is a member of the Association, who wants to register an FCP based on the approved template listed in this Food Notice.

Why is this important?

The template listed in this Notice has been developed by the New Zealand Aged Care Association and can only be used by a residential care business that is a member of the Association.

If a food business is eligible to use this template that business must apply to register a food control plan based on this template. If a food business opts to register a FCP based on this template, it cannot amend the template or add additional material to the template.

The food business that registers a FCP based on this template is responsible for ensuring that its operations are verified by a person or agency who is recognised to approve template food control plans for the preparation and service of food in a residential care facility.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the New Zealand Aged Care Association and any residential care business that is a member of that Association.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) All terms used in this Notice and that are defined in the Act or Food Regulations 2015, but not defined in this Notice, have the same meaning as in that Act or Regulations.

1.3 Approval of templates

- (1) The template named the *New Zealand Aged Care Association Food Control Plan* and dated May 2018 is approved under section 40 of the Act.
- (2) Approval for this template ends within 3 years of the date that this Notice is issued.
- (3) The reference number for this template is S40-00003.
- (4) This template may only be used for the preparation and service of food in a residential care facility that is operated by a member of the New Zealand Aged Care Association.