



# Approved Food Control Plan Template (British Retail Consortium (BRC) for Horticultural Operators)

Template approved under section 40

18 September 2018

## **TITLE**

Food Notice: Approved Food Control Plan Template (British Retail Consortium (BRC) for Horticultural Operators)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Food Notice comes into force on 18 September 2018.

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

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

Dated at Wellington, this 18 September 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 Global Standard for Food Safety developed by the British Retail Consortium (BRC) as a food control plan template under section 40.

## 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 registered 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 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 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 Food Notice has been approved by MPI as it meets the requirements of the Act. MPI is satisfied that the template, if followed as written will enable food businesses to significantly control the relevant food safety hazards associated with packhouse and /or coldstore activities. 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 3 years from the date that this Notice is issued. Before this date, Food businesses operating with the template can apply for renewal of approval for a further period of 3 years.

## Who should read this Food Notice?

This Food Notice applies to any business that is certified by BRC or authorised by BRC to use this template to register an FCP under Food Act 2014 based on the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety approved by this Food Notice.

## Why is this important?

The template is based on the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety (a model) that food business can use to manage the safety and quality of products made within the manufacturing and processing environment. This template is specifically developed for packhouse and /or coldstore activities. It can only be used by a business that is certified and/or authorised by BRC.

If a business is eligible to use this template, the business may register a FCP based on this template. If a food business opts to register an FCP based on the template, the business cannot amend the template or add additional material to the template.

A food business that registers an FCP based on this template is responsible for ensuring that its operations are verified by a person or agency who is recognised to verify template food control plans for horticultural businesses involved in packhouse and/or coldstore activities.

## **Part 1: Requirements**

### **1.1 Application**

- (1) This Food Notice applies to any business that is certified by British Retail Consortium (BRC) or authorised by BRC to use the standard or model.

### **1.2 Definitions**

- (1) All terms used in this Notice that are defined in the Food Act 2014 (the Act) or Food Regulations 2015 (Regulations), but not defined in this Notice, have the same meaning as that defined in the Act or Regulations.

### **1.3 Approval of template**

- (1) The template entitled Food Control Plan Template (British Retail Consortium (BRC) for Horticultural Operators and dated August 2018 is approved under section 40 of the Act.
- (2) Approval for this template ends 3 years from the date that this Notice is issued.
- (3) The reference number for this template is S40-00007.
- (4) This template may only be used for packhouse and /or coldstore activities.
- (5) The template may only be used by businesses certified by British Retail Consortium (BRC) or authorised by BRC to meet registration requirements for the Food Act 2014.
- (6) The template may only be used for crops that are produced in New Zealand for sale.