

Summary of Submission

Consultation on NZ Aged Care Association S.40 model food control plan.

Consultation

A public consultation on the evaluation of the New Zealand Aged Care Association (NZACA) model took place between 9 April 2018 and 23 April 2018.

Summary of Submissions

Breakdown of submissions on the NZACA model (refer below)

Comment	Change made
Expressed concern at the requirement for dairy products to be delivered at 5°C or below.	Under the Food Act 2014, food may be kept at a temperature specified by a manufacturer or supplier as long it is within recommended temperatures to manage any potential food safety hazards. A customer may choose to specify the temperature they want to receive food at.
Felt there was a potential misalignment for temperature requirements for dairy products between the Food Act 2014 and the Animal Products Act 1999.	No Food Act 2014 requirements contradict the Animal Products Act temperature requirements for dairy products. If a contradiction arose, the Food Act states that requirements under the Animal Products Act 1999 would prevail.
Supports the NZACA's FCP template. Being able to meet compliance for Health Sector Standards auditing and MPI's in the one document is logical and more likely to become a living document.	S.40 is one of the flexible options under the Food Act for businesses to implement a food control plan. A tailored s40 FCP can make things easier for businesses to comply with the Act.
Requirement for more food safety training in the aged care sector	Noted

Next Steps

The Chief Executive of MPI will approve the New Zealand Aged Care Association (NZACA) model FCP and issue it by notice under S.405.

Background

The Food Act 2014, Section 40 enables the Chief Executive of MPI to approve a template or model food control plan (FCP), developed by a person other than the Chief Executive, by notice under Section 405.

The New Zealand Aged Care Association (NZACA) has requested approval of its Food Control Plan (FCP) under section 40 of the Food Act 2014. The NZACA Plan is modelled on the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI's) Simply Safe and Suitable Template Food Control Plan (issued March 2017).

MPI has evaluated NZACA's Plan to ensure it meets the requirements of the Food Act 2014 and allows for aged residential care facilities to prepare and serve safe and suitable food and recommended it was suitable for the Chief Executive to approve it.

