



Food Notice

Approved official templates or models for food control plans developed by third parties 2026

Templates approved under section 40

1 May 2026

Title

Food Notice: Approved official templates or models for food control plans developed by third parties 2026

Commencement

This notice comes into force on 1 May 2026.

Revocation

This notice revokes and replaces:

- Food Notice: Approved official templates or models for food control plans developed by third parties, issued on 18 October 2024.

Issuing Authority

This notice is made under section 405 of the Food Act 2014 by the Ministry for Primary Industries for the purpose of section 40 of that Act.

Made at Wellington on 1 May 2026

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the notice but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is for the Chief Executive (CE) of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to approve food control plan templates or models, which have been developed by a person other than the CE (for example a person representing a food industry, or the director of a group of food businesses).

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 food businesses to make and sell safe and suitable food. Food businesses must have either a plan or programme which identifies, controls, manages, and eliminates risks to food safety and suitability. Some food businesses need to operate under a registered food control plan (FCP) to achieve this.

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

- approve templates or models developed by persons 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.

Who should read this notice?

Food industries or businesses who choose to and are permitted to use an approved template or model from Schedule 1 should read this notice.

Why is this important?

The template approved under this notice can only be used in accordance with the conditions set out in Schedule 1 of this notice. Failure to comply with the conditions of this notice may be an offence under the Act.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
02 February 2022	All	New Notice S40-00008 Bunnings Warehouse – Approved
25 March 2022	Part 1, Schedule 1	S40-00008 Bunnings Warehouse – Clarification on type of person or agency required for verification, no change to content S40-00001 Baking New Zealand - Approved
20 May 2022	Part 1, Schedule 1	Extension of approval S40-00002 Lone Star Café & Bar Franchise Limited – Approved S40-00003 New Zealand Aged Care Association – Approved S40-00004 Care Association New Zealand – Approved New FCP template added to Notice S40-0013 New Zealand Defence Force – Approved

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12 July 2022	Part 1, Schedule 1	Extension of approval S40-00009 OrganicFarmNZ – Approved
5 August 2022	Part 1, Schedule 1	Correction to template identification number S40-00010 Ministry of Education – no change to content S40-00013 New Zealand Defence Force – no change to content Extension of approval S40-00008 Bunnings Warehouse – Approved New FCP template added to Notice S40-00014 New Zealand Lavender Growers Association – Approved
4 July 2023	Part 1, Schedule 1	Extension of approval S40-0006 GLOBALG.A.P. – Approved S40-0007 British Retail Consortium (BRC) for Horticultural – Approved S40-0001 Baking New Zealand – Approved
18 October 2024	Part 1, Schedule 1	New FCP template added to this Food Notice S40-00010 Ministry of Education S40-00015 Safe Quality Food Institute Food Safety Code: Primary Plant Production Edition 9
18 October 2024	Part 1 Schedule 1	Extension of approval S40-00005 New Zealand Good Agricultural Practice (NZGAP) S40-0011 NZGAP GLOBALG.A.P Equivalent
1 May 2026	Part 1 Schedule 1	Extension of approval S40-00002 Lone Star Café & Bar Franchise Limited S40-00003 New Zealand Aged Care Association S40-00008 Bunnings Warehouse S40-0011 New Zealand Good Agricultural Practice (NZGAP) GLOBALG.A.P Equivalent S40-00013 New Zealand Defence Force S40-00014 New Zealand Lavender Growers Association S40-00009 OrganicFarmNZ
1 May 2026	Part 1 Schedule 1	New FCP template added to this Food Notice S40-00012 Sushi Sushi Operations Limited
1 May 2026	Part 1 Schedule 1	Removal of FCP S40-00004 Care Association New Zealand

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Definitions

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

1.2 Approval of template

- (1) The templates set out in Schedule 1 of this notice are approved under section 40 of the Act.
- (2) The templates are approved from the date set out in column C of Schedule 1 of this notice until the end date in column D of Schedule 1 of this notice.
- (3) The templates must be used subject to the conditions set out in column E and F of Schedule 1 of this notice.

Guidance

- Before the approval of the template expires, the applicant can apply to MPI for a renewal if they wish to continue using the template.

Schedule 1: Approved templates and models

Column A: MPI ID	Column B: Name of industry group/organisation or food business	Column C: Approval start date	Column D: Approval end date	Column E: Conditions specific to this template	Column F: Type of person or agency required for verification
S40-00001	Baking New Zealand	4 July 2023	4 July 2026	The template may be used in relation to wholesale baking, food service and food retailing activities set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of the Food Act 2014. This template cannot be used to prepare red meat for mincing and serving as lightly cooked or raw. It can only be used by a business that is a member of Baking New Zealand.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00002	Lone Star Café & Bar Franchise Limited	20 May 2025	19 May 2028	The template may be used in relation to preparing steak for sous vide cooking, followed by a heating step then removing steak from vacuum-pack, drying, and searing on high heat for desired colour.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00003	New Zealand Aged Care Association	2 February 2026	2 February 2029	The template may be used in relation to sourcing of ingredients, receiving, cold storage, handling or preparing different types of food according to prescribed menu - washing, cutting to acceptable size and thickness, mixing, marinating, cooking, searing, grilling, chilling, thawing, packaging, reheating, hot holding, displaying, serving, and transporting.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00005	New Zealand Good Agricultural Practice (NZGAP)	16 September 2025	16 September 2028	The template may be used in relation to growing, harvesting and the undertaking of minimal processing of horticultural produce that is produced in New Zealand for sale. It can only be	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.

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				used by a business that is certified by NZGAP or authorised by Horticulture New Zealand Limited.	
S40-00008	Bunnings Warehouse	5 August 2025	4 August 2028	The template may only be used in relation to receiving, storing and serving food in-store cafes at Bunnings (NZ) Limited.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00009	OrganicFarmNZ	12 July 2025	12 July 2027	The template may be used in relation to horticulture activities including growing, harvesting, sorting, grading, minimal processing, packing of horticultural produce and undertaking traditional greengrocer activities. The template may be used in relation to bottling edible oils. The template may also be used in relation to extracting and packing honey.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00010	Ministry of Education	18 October 2024	18 October 2027	The template may only be used in relation to receiving, storing, making, serving and delivering food in all schools participating in the Ministry of Education Healthy School Lunches Programme.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-0011	New Zealand Good Agricultural Practice (NZGAP) GLOBALG.A.P Equivalent	19 October 2025	19 October 2028	The template may be used in relation to growing, harvesting and the undertaking of minimal processing of horticultural produce that is produced in New Zealand for sale. It can only be used by a business that is certified or authorised by NZGAP.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.

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S40-00013	New Zealand Defence Force	20 May 2025	19 May 2028	The template may be used in relation to procurement, storage, preparation, cooking, serving, transporting, and provision of take away meals (such as hot boxes, cut lunches, individual field meals (IFMs)). Other activities covered include, Dine-in, on-site and off-site catering, field catering, and catering at sea.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00014	New Zealand Lavender Growers Association	5 August 2025	4 August 2028	The template may be used in relation to growing, harvesting, storing and processing of Lavender to produce dried lavender flowers for domestic or export markets as an ingredient in food or beverages, and; To produce essential oil for domestic or export markets as an ingredient in food or beverages.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00006	GLOBALG.A.P.	4 July 2023	4 July 2026	The template may be used in relation to growing, harvesting and the undertaking of minimal processing of horticultural produce intended for sale in New Zealand. Businesses may operate under either version 5 or version 6 of the GLOBALG.A.P. template during the approval period.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-0007	British Retail Consortium (BRC) for Horticultural Operators	4 July 2023	4 July 2026	The template is specifically developed for packhouse and/or coldstore activities. It can only be used by a business that is certified by BRC or authorised by New Zealand Apples and Pears Inc. Businesses may operate under either version 8 or version 9 of the BRC Global Standard Food	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.

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				Safety Programme template during the approval period.	
S40-00012	Sushi Sushi Operations Limited	1 May 2026	1 May 2029	The template may only be used in relation to receiving, storing, making, serving and delivering food by Sushi Sushi Operations Limited or any business that is authorised to use the template by Sushi Sushi Operations Limited.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan.
S40-00015	Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI)	18 October 2024	18 October 2027	This Safe Quality Food Institute Food Safety Code: Primary Plant Production Edition 9 template is specifically developed for packhouses completing minimal processing and packing of horticultural produce and coldstore activities. It can only be used by a business that is authorised by New Zealand Apples and Pears Inc.	Businesses using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the Act to verify a s40 template food control plan

Explanatory Note

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