

## **Premises Approval**

Certain types of food business generally those manufacturing products of animal origin, such as dairies, meat product manufacturers or wholesale fish markets are subject to product specific regulations. These types of premises are required by law to be approved by the Local Authority and generally their products must display a health mark or be accompanied by a health certificate. Each Local Authority in the country (and places across the EU) has a unique code which ensures that the origin of the food can always be established. This is very important if things ever go wrong so that suspect foods can be traced and removed from the food chain.

If you think your food business requires approval you must apply in writing giving full details of the proposed business including:

- What types of food you intend to produce and in what quantities
- The design, construction and layout of the premises
- Arrangements for maintenance
- Pest control procedures
- Arrangements for applying the health mark
- Arrangements for staff health monitoring
- Food safety control and monitoring systems and record keeping
- Arrangements for cleaning of premises, equipment, utensils and transport including what cleaning chemicals you intend to use
- Your food and water sampling plan
- Which laboratory you intend to use for carrying out analysis of food and water samples
- Arrangements for the disposal of waste
- Arrangements for staff training

This is not an exhaustive list, but all of the above must be considered by the Council prior to them granting approval for the premises. Following receipt of an application a member of the Food Safety Team will visit the premises to validate the information provided and make a decision as to whether approval can be granted.

Once approved, details of the premises together with information relating to types of foods produced are forwarded to The Food Standards Agency to be kept on a central EU register.

For further information please contact the

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