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## Food Act 1984

### REGISTRATION OF A FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM TEMPLATE

#### Explanatory memorandum

On 1 July 2010 amendments to the **Food Act 1984** (the Act) by Part 2 of the **Food Amendment (Regulation Reform) Act 2009** came into operation.

A declaration has been made under section 19C of the Act to establish a new food premises classification system. That declaration was published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. S 232 on 22 June 2010.

The new classification system applies on and from 1 July 2010. The purpose of this system is for regulatory requirements to be better matched to the level of food safety risk associated with the food handling activities at different types of premises.

One main purpose of that declaration is to establish four separate classes of food premises. The general effect is as follows:

- class 1: hospitals, child care centres and listed facilities for the aged, at which ready to eat potentially hazardous food is served;
- class 2: other premises that handle potentially hazardous unpackaged foods;
- class 3: premises handling unpackaged low risk foods, selling potentially hazardous pre-packaged foods, or the warehousing or distribution of pre-packaged foods; and
- class 4: premises that only retail pre-packaged low risk foods, and certain other low risk or occasional activities.

That declaration also sets out a range of associated matters. This includes a requirement that class 2 food premises must have a food safety program, which can be a standard food safety program.

A standard food safety program is created using a registered food safety program template (section 19DC).

The following instrument registers under section 19DB of the Act the Food Safety Program Template for Class 2 Retail and Food Service Businesses No. 1, Version 2 published by the Department of Health.

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### REGISTRATION OF A FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM TEMPLATE

I, Pauline Ireland, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Health (the department), under section 19DB of the **Food Act 1984** (the Act) –

1. state that the Food Safety Program Template for Class 2 Retail and Food Service Businesses No. 1, Version 2 published by the department (the template) is registered for use; and
2. specify the following category of food businesses (in respect of which the template is suitable for use):  
any food business –
  - (a) that is being carried out at, on or from a class 2 food premises; and
  - (b) that –
    - (i) retails food to the public; or
    - (ii) is a food service business.

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In this instrument –

‘**class 2 food premises**’ means food premises declared to be class 2 food premises under section 19C of the Act; and

‘**food service business**’ means a food business where the food handling activities include the serving of food that is ready for immediate consumption.

Example

Cafes, restaurants, and hotels

This instrument takes effect on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

Dated 6 July 2010

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