

## Class 3 minimum records - Sheet B

### Temporary food premises

A proprietor of a food business operating a class 3 food premises is required under the Food Act 1984 to:

- maintain the declared class 3 minimum records and keep them at the premises;
- retain the records for one year from receipt or creation;
- provide the council with a copy of the records if requested to do so by the council.<sup>1</sup>

This sheet only applies where a temporary food premises is being operated by:

- a (for profit) food business; or
- a community group if the majority of persons involved in the handling of food at the temporary food premises are NOT volunteers.

This record sheet can therefore apply to those occasional activities at temporary food premises where food is sold, such as at events or during festivals. It applies regardless of the length of time that the temporary food premises operates.

A **temporary food premises** is -

- a tent, stall or other structure that is not permanently fixed to a site at which food is sold, or handled with the intention that it be sold; or
- a permanent structure not owned or leased by the food business at which food is handled for sale, or from which food is sold, by the food business on an occasional basis only. (For example, where the proprietor of the food business has permission to set up tables at someone else's premises to sell food for a few days.)

**Pre-packaged food** is food that has been sealed within a package prior to entering the business, and remains in that package until sale.

A range of food handling activities may be conducted at a class 3 food premises to which this sheet applies.<sup>2</sup> These activities can include:

- the handling of low risk food; and
- the sale of *pre-packaged* potentially hazardous (high risk) food, such as:
  - the sale of pre-packaged raw and cooked meat (including poultry and game) or other packaged foods containing raw or cooked meat such as casseroles, curries and lasagne;
  - the sale of pre-packaged smallgoods such as strasbourg, ham and chicken loaf;
  - the sale of pre-packaged meals such as fresh pasta;
  - the sale of pre-packaged cakes containing cream or pre-packaged desserts such as cheesecakes and custard tarts;
  - the sale of pre-packaged fruit salads;
  - the sale of pre-packaged sandwiches; or
  - the sale of pre-packaged pies or sausage rolls- including heating them before sale.

It also includes:

- the sale of shell eggs;
- the sale of sausages that have been cooked and served immediately (with or without onions, bread and sauce).

If this sheet does not apply to your food premises, read the checklist on class 3 minimum records to decide which record sheet applies, or check with your council.

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<sup>1</sup>Section 19CB and .clause 5 of the declaration on minimum records ("the declaration"), The declaration is available at <http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/gazette/Gazettes2010/GG2010S241.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> A food premises is classified under the Act according to the highest risk activity undertaken at the premises. Many of the activities listed in this record sheet make a premises a "class 3 food premises". However, a class 3 food premises can also engage in lower risk activities (that apply to class 4 premises). In such a case the premises falls within class 3 - not 4. The cooking and sale of sausages at a temporary food premises is an example of such an activity.

The specific records in this document are those that have been declared as the minimum records that must be kept to demonstrate compliance with some essential food safety practices, taking into account the type of activities that will be conducted at your temporary food premises, the food handling activities and the length of operations.

There are a number of records in the following sheet. Record 1 always applies. The introduction to the each other record describes whether you need to complete that record. Different records apply to different activities.

The following page also contains some tips for how to make the most of the random checks of food temperature and any heating processes. For further advice about how to complete these records please contact your council.

There are also other aspects of food safety that you may need to consider. All food businesses are required under the Food Act to ensure that food that is sold is safe to eat.<sup>3</sup>

The Department of Health also makes available a free online food handler learning program, 'Do Food Safely', which is designed to improve basic knowledge of food safety. It is another tool that you can use to maintain safe food handling practices. It is available at: <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/>

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<sup>3</sup> The Food Act also requires that you comply with the applicable food safety standards set out in the national Food Standards Code. For information about how to comply with these standards contact your council or go to <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/foodstandards/foodsafetystandardsaustraliaonly/>





## Hot Storage Record 3

This record must only be kept if **pre-packaged potentially hazardous food is to be kept heated in hot storage prior to sale at a temporary food premises.**<sup>8</sup>

For example, it applies to food such as heated packaged pies or sausage rolls.

It is **mandatory** to record the results of a random check of a hot storage unit in use, conducted as follows:

- once in each week that the premises is operating; and
- for a stall or other activity that is operated for less than one week at any one time, once during each such period. (For example, if the stall is operated for blocks of 3 days, and this occurs 10 times a year, there would be 10 records for the year, with one record for each 3 day period.)

Temperature rule

- Pre-packaged potentially hazardous food is to be kept in hot storage at 60°C or higher.

You must record the results of a random check to verify that pre-packaged potentially hazardous food is being kept at 60°C or higher prior to sale. This is the correct temperature. A lower temperature means that the food may not be safe to eat.

Date	Description of the Hot Storage Unit For example, pie warmer	Operating Temperature set for the Hot Storage Unit	Temperature of food item chosen Randomly select an item of food and measure the temperature	Corrective Action If selected food item does not meet the above temperature rule what did you do to ensure it complies? For example change pie warmer settings or move food to another warmer or discard food.

Tips:

- Using a pie warmer or other hot holding equipment to heat pre-packaged potentially hazardous food to the required 'sale' temperature of 60°C or higher is not recommended as it is likely to take a very long time for the food to reach 60°C and there is a risk of the food being sold at a cooler temperature.
- It is recommended that the random check be conducted as soon as possible on the first day so that any problems can be addressed early on, to avoid the risk of food being sold that is not safe to eat.
- It is also recommended that the random check be used as an opportunity to verify how long it takes to heat pre-packaged potentially hazardous food (such as a pre-packaged pie) to the required hot holding temperature of 60°C or higher. This will enable you to standardise how you heat food after it is removed from cold storage. (A variety of methods maybe used to heat the food, examples include microwave, electric or gas oven.)

<sup>8</sup> Clause 2 of the declaration, and clauses 2 and 3 of schedule 2 to that declaration.  
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## Check about temperature control of potentially hazardous food deliveries Record 4

This record **must** be kept if -

- (a) the food being handled is **potentially hazardous food**; and
- (b) it is **delivered from a supplier to the food premises** in the month.<sup>9</sup>

This is to ensure that the food delivered has been kept at the correct temperature.

If this is the case, read the following description to decide whether a record is required.

The record is about deliveries from a supplier. "Supply" means the supply of food *to* a food premises *from* another food premises or another person.

However, the record does not need to be kept if the delivery of food is to your **temporary food premises** -

- from another food premises
- that is operated by your food business (i.e. both have the same proprietor).

For example, the record is not required if you operate a restaurant or catering business from a fixed premises, and also sell this food off site at a market stall or other temporary food premises, and deliver the food off site for that purpose.

If food is delivered to a food premises from any other food premises or other person in a month, you will need to keep the deliveries record.

There are different ways to keep this record.<sup>10</sup>

The simplest record to keep is to record the results of certain checks of the temperature of potentially hazardous food delivered. This is outlined below.

**Instruction: If potentially hazardous food is delivered to the food premises from a supplier in any month, record the results of a temperature check carried out in that month of one item of pre-packaged potentially hazardous food received from that supplier.**<sup>11</sup>

If food is not delivered from a supplier in every month, the record must only be kept **in each month** in which food is actually delivered.

Temperature rules				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frozen foods should always be kept frozen hard (unless being defrosted);</li> <li>• For food kept in cold storage, maintain the temperature at 5°C or below;</li> <li>• For food delivered hot it must be at 60°C or hotter.</li> </ul>				
Date	Trading Name of Supplier Store Location or Warehouse	Description of Condition of Goods such as 'good', 'damaged', or 'packaging broken'	Temperature of food item chosen Randomly select an item of food and measure the temperature	Corrective Action Taken if Required If selected food item does not meet the above temperature rules what did you do? For example not accept the delivery, or verify with the supplier that the food was not in the temperature danger zone for 2 hours or more (and if it was, the action that you have taken such as ensuring that the food was not sold by your business).

<sup>9</sup> Clause 2 of the declaration and clauses 4 to 6 of schedule 2 of that declaration. (Clauses 4 and 6 of the schedule apply to the record on this page.)

<sup>10</sup> This is explained further in *Record Sheet A* for fixed premises or mobile food premises (and can be adapted for use at your temporary food premises if desired.)

