APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF A FOOD BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT

(Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 on the Hygiene of Foodstuffs, Article 6(2))

This form should be completed by food business operators in respect of new food business establishments and received by the relevant Food Authority 28 days before commencing food operations. On the basis of the activities carried out, certain food business establishments are required to be **approved** rather than **registered**. If you are unsure whether any aspect of your food operations would require your establishment to be approved, please contact Wandsworth for guidance.

| (or address at which moveable establishment | is kept) Post Code | |
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| Full name of Food Business Operator(s) (Limited Company where relevant) | | |
| (Head office if relevant) | Post Code | |
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| | Hospital/residential home/school Distribution/warehousing Food manufacturing/processing Importer Catering Packer Moveable establishment e.g. ice cream van Primary producer - livestock Primary producer - arable I be preparing and selling | |
| Signature of Food Business | | |
| Operator | Date | |
| Name (BLOCK CAPITALS) The completed form should be emailed to food Or posted to Regulatory Services Partnership Serving Merton, Richmond & Wandsworth London Borough of Merton Merton Civic Centre London Road Morden Surrey SM4 5DX Administration Department | dandsafety@merton.gov.uk | |

Registration Help Line 020 8545 3025

NOTES ON REGISTRATION OF A FOOD BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT

WHAT IS REGISTRATION?

1. Registration of premises used for a food business (including market stalls, delivery vehicles and other moveable structures) is required by law. Registration will allow local authorities to keep an up-to-date list of all those premises in their area so they can visit them when they need to. The frequency of the visits will depend on the type of business.

WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

- 2. If you run a food business for 5 or more days in any 5 consecutive weeks, you must tell (or arrange for someone else to tell) the local authority about any premises you use for storing, selling, distributing or preparing food. Food premises includes restaurants, hotels, cafes, shops, supermarkets, staff canteens, kitchens in offices, warehouses, guest houses, delivery vehicles, buffet cars on trains, market and other stalls, hot dog and ice cream vans etc.
- 3. If you use vehicles for your food business in connection with permanent premises such as a shop, or warehouse you only need to tell the local authority how many vehicles you have. You do not need to register each vehicle separately. If you have one or more vehicles but no permanent premises, you must tell the authority where they are normally kept.
- 4. Anyone starting a new food business must register with the local authority at least 28 days before doing so.
- 5. The majority of premises will have to be registered. However, certain premises are exempt from registration, e.g. some which are already registered for food law purposes, certain agricultural premises, motor cars, tents and marquees (but not stalls), some domestic premises and some village halls. You should contact your local authority if you think you might be exempt.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- 6. By filling in this form. Registration cannot be refused and there is no charge. The registration form must be sent to your local authority. The address can be found in the telephone directory. If the form is sent to the wrong address your application will not take effect until it is received at the proper place. If you use premises in more than one local authority area, you must register with each authority separately.
- 7. You must tick all the boxes which apply to your business, answer all the questions and give all the information requested. Seasonal businesses operating for a certain period each year should give the dates between which they will be open in answer to question 9. If you have any questions your local authority will help you. It is an offence to give information which you know is false.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THE FORM?

8. The local authority will enter the details on its Register. A register of addresses and the type of business carried on at each will be open to inspection by the general public. Records of the other information provided will not be publicly available.

CHANGES

9. Once you have registered with the Local Authority you only need notify them of a change of proprietor, if the nature of the business changes, or if there is a change of the address at which moveable premises are kept. The new proprietor will have to complete an application form.

If the local authority wishes to change the entry in the Register because of information which it received from someone else you will be given 28 days notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed change.

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