

# Overview of Temporary Food Premises Registration



## Important Information for Temporary Food Premises Operators from 1 July 2010

The introduction of the new food safety laws will give Victoria a better system for regulating the safety of food. The fundamentals of the existing Food Act 1984 will remain the same with all food businesses remaining responsible for the safe handling of food. The amendments will streamline the workings of the Food Act and reduce the compliance cost for food businesses.

## What will change?

From the 1 July 2010 the Food Act 1984 will introduce a new classification system. The classification system is based on the degree of risk associated with the food handling activities of different types of businesses. The changes will affect all food businesses including temporary premises, community and charitable food events.

## Classification Table

Temporary Food Premises will be categorised as follows:

<b>Class 2</b>	Temporary Food Premises engaged in handling of unpackaged, potentially hazardous food that requires temperature control.
<b>Class 3</b>	Temporary Food Premises handling low risk food or potentially hazardous pre-packaged food that requires temperature control.
<b>Class 4</b>	Temporary Food Premises selling shelf stable, pre-packaged food. Running low risk community food activities like a sausage sizzle.

For further information on the classification of premises refer to the Department of Health website on: [http://www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/regulatory\\_info/legislation/food\\_safety\\_reform/index.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/regulatory_info/legislation/food_safety_reform/index.htm)

## Will my business be able to move from one classification to another?

Temporary premises may change classification if Council determines that the food processes within a business have altered.

## Single Registration of Temporary Food Premises from July 2011

From July 2011 a state-wide single registration system will be introduced that will enable all temporary food premises and mobile food vehicles to operate anywhere in Victoria. You will no longer be required to register in each municipality in which you operate.

The new single registration system intends to lighten the regulatory load on temporary and mobile food vehicle including community groups undertaking fundraising activities through selling food at fairs and markets.

## How do I register a Temporary Food Premises?

This depends on the classification of your food business; refer to the flowchart overleaf which guides you step by step through the process of how to register for a new Temporary Food Premises.

## Temporary Food Premises Checklist

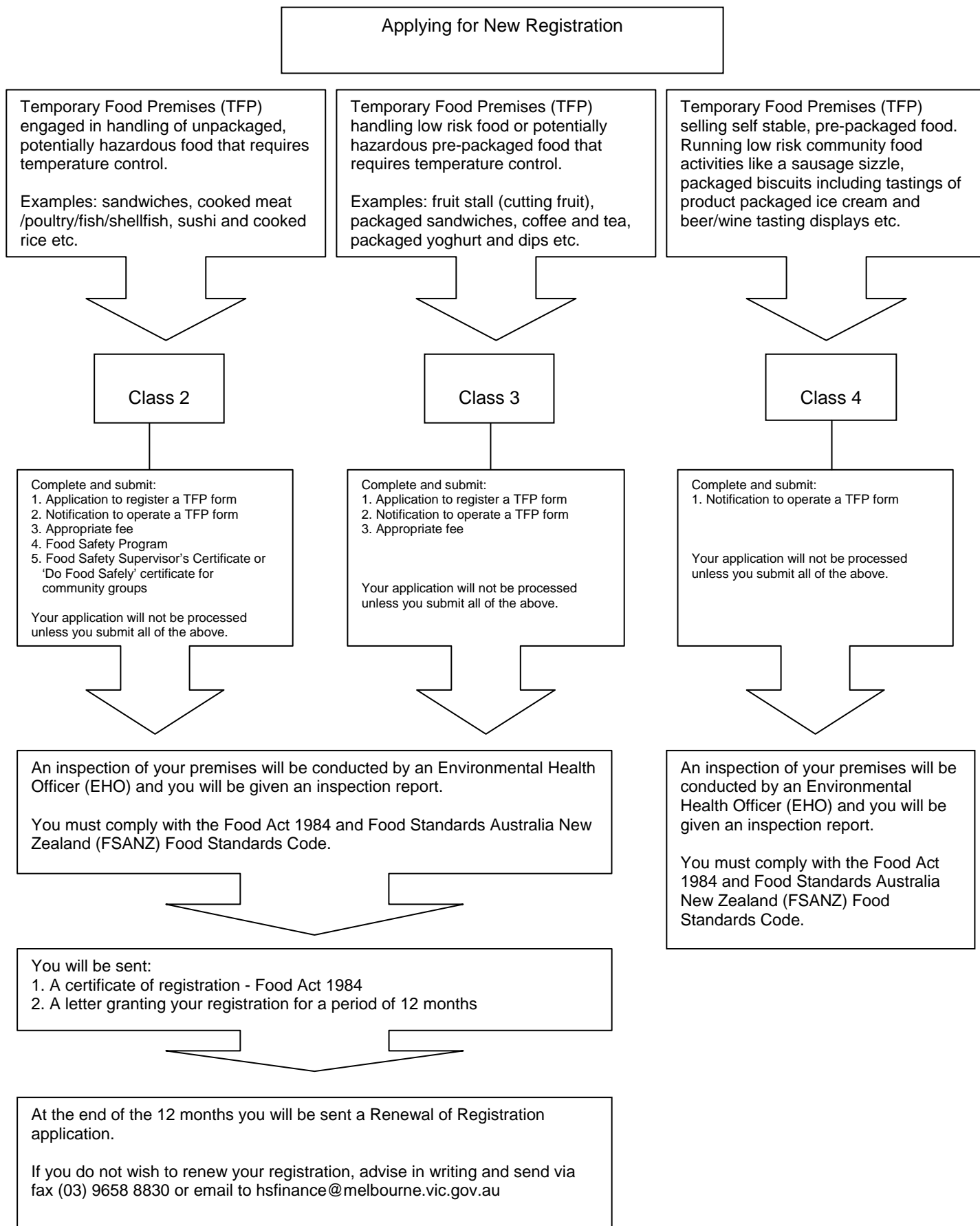
A checklist has been developed for food premises operators to ensure correct set up and operation of the temporary food premises. The checklist is included in the Special Event Kit and is readily available from Council.

## Operating at Major Events

The Event Organiser is responsible for liaising directly with Health Services prior to the event, to ensure all temporary food stall operators become registered and meet all requirements of the Food Act 1984. The event organiser may be able to provide you with the appropriate application forms, set up and operating information and checklist.

## How to register for a new temporary food premises registration.

Selling food from a temporary premises like a stall or mobile food vehicle at events such as market, festivals and fetes may require registration under the Food Act 1984. To find out if you need either a temporary food registration form or a notification form, refer to the flowchart below.



Further details can be obtained in the **Temporary Food Premises Registration Guide**.