

## Consultation

**Topic:** Draft Guidance Note on the Production of Heat Processed and Chilled Foods

**Start date of consultation:** 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005      **Closing date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006

### Consultation details

The Guidance Note intends to provide food businesses with information on designing, implementing, validating and verifying the safety of heating and chilling processes to eliminate or reduce pathogens that could endanger public health. The document also emphasises the need for all aspects of heating and chilling processes to be included as integral parts of a food businesses Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan

The Guidance Note **will be applicable** to food business producing heat processed, chilled foods under static or batch processing conditions which are sold to another food business or organisation for sale or use. These foods will require minimum storage at  $\leq 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to maintain shelf-life during distribution, display and sale. The Guidance Note **is not applicable** to:

- i. Food business operators involved in the processing and direct sale or supply of products directly to consumers (*e.g. food service operations such as restaurants, hospitals etc.*)
- ii. Cook-chill food produced under FSAI Guidance Note No. 15
- iii. Foods produced in plate heat exchangers and scraped surface jackets vessels
- iv. Heat processed ambient stable foods (*e.g. canned foods*)
- v. Heat processed milk and milk products
- vi. Dried, fermented or cold or hot smoked meat, poultry-meat and fish which is heat and/or chill processed
- vii. Live bivalve molluscs (*i.e. Bivalve molluscs are filter-feeding lamellibranch molluscs*)

Comments submitted to this consultation will be reviewed by the working group in preparing the final draft of this Guidance Note.

Comments and views on the document should be submitted by 5pm on **Tuesday 3rd January 2006** to: [consultation@fsai.ie](mailto:consultation@fsai.ie)

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