

Central Production Unit Food Safety & Quality Management System

Food Business Registration Guidance

Food business registration applies to most types of food business and food activities, including Central Production Units (CPU) and / or Central Production Kitchens (CPK). CPUs and / or CPKs that handle food that are deemed by a Local Authority to be exempt from registration, may require Local Authority approval.

Subject to the scope of the food products handled, prepared and distributed through the CPU and / or CPK, the CPU or CPK the Unit Manager will be required to contact the aligned Local Authority to arrange for food business registration or approval.

Subject to the nature of the CPU and / or CPK operations, the Local Authority may make arrangements with the Unit Manager to visit the CPU and / or CPK to review operations to support in determining if the CPU or CPK needs to be approved under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 or registered under Regulation (EC) No 852/2004.

The Local Authority may request the CPU and / or CPK Unit Manager answer specific questions regarding the CPU and / or CPK to determine food business registration requirements under Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 or approval requirements under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

To support early Local Authority contact, the CPU or CPK Unit Manager should identify the correct Local Authority that covers their specific site at the earliest opportunity, and ideally prior to food operations commencing, by entering the CPU or CPK postcode [here](#).

If you have any questions on this process, or require any support please contact your HSE Sector Lead.

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