

Selling packaged meat from stall or vehicle

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Do you operate a temporary or mobile food premises where you sell –

(a) uncooked meat or chicken which has all been:

- processed, packaged in leak-proof containers; and
- labelled at a meat processing facility with a current licence from Primesafe (or an equivalent licence from another State or Territory body)

AND

(b) all of this uncooked meat or chicken is to be sold in this packaging to the public?

(1) If YES –

AND the sale will be:

- from a **meat transport vehicle for which you have a current Primesafe licence** (or an equivalent licence from another State or Territory authority)

AND

- at a farmers' **market or other event** (such as market organised by a Rotary or Lions Club or a school fete or a fair or "field day")

you do NOT need to register the vehicle again in Streatrader.

However, you must:

- **notify** your principal council once about this vehicle using the tailored notification form; (Your principal council is likely to be the one in whose district your Primesafe registered facility is located - look here to match area with council.)

AND

- lodge a tailored **statement of trade** to inform that council and any council in whose district you will be operating when you will be at each market.

These specialised notification and statement of trade forms can be found at the Department of Health's website

(<http://health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/mobile.htm>)

As these arrangements were only made in October 2012, [Streatrader](#) is not available for this activity at this stage. Under this notification, you can also sell only pre-packaged low risk food such as bottled

preserves or sauces at the same time, provided that food is stored separately to the meat.

You must also keep the required "minimum records" under the Food Act, as sale of pre-packaged uncooked meat is a "class 3" activity for all businesses. The record sheet is Sheet A (for fixed and mobile food premises). It is available at:

www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/downloads/minimum_records_sheet_a.pdf

(2) If YES –

AND you are selling the pre-packaged meat/chicken from a stall or from a vehicle that is NOT a licensed meat transport vehicle, then you must:

- register the vehicle or stall with your principal council;

AND

- lodge a statement of trade to inform that council and any council in whose district you will be operating.

You can do this in [Streatrader](#) now.

"Main activity"

*If the sale of such pre-packaged meat to the public is the **main activity** you conduct at any of these registered stalls or vehicles, you can **ONLY** conduct that activity **at a market**.*

If you are applying to register a meat stall in [Streatrader](#), when asked “Would you like to have one registration/notification that covers the fixed food premises together with the mobile/temporary food premises or vending machines listed in this application?”, answer NO, as council does not need to register that site.

Your principal council can advise you how to safely handle packaged meat at a market.

(3) If **NO** –

Because you operate from a licensed meat transport vehicle BUT some or all of the meat or chicken you wish to sell is **unpackaged**, contact Primesafe.

(4) If **NO** –

Because although you sell some uncooked meat or chicken from a stall or vehicle that is NOT a licensed meat transport vehicle, the main activity at these premises is selling other types of food (eg a “mixed business”), you should:

- register the vehicle or stall with your principal council;

AND

- lodge a statement of trade to inform that council and any council in whose district you will be operating.

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More information about ...

Food Act & tailored notification/SOT forms

For more information about how the Food Act applies to food vans and stalls including when registration or notification is required, for advice about when a premises is class 2, 3 or 4, and for a link to the tailored forms, go to

www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/mobile.htm

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For further information about Streatrader, please call 1300 085 767 or email streatrader@health.vic.gov.au.

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