



## Operating Regulations

### Operating regulations:

- Food which is easily spoiled must be stored at a temperature lower than 5°C, if no other instruction is given on the packing.
- Frozen food must be stored at a temperature lower than -18°C, if no other instruction is given on the packing.
- The level of the temperature must at no time be altered in the transport, storage and sale of foodstuffs.
- Food must be thawed at a temperature less than 5°C. Food which is to undergo a heating process before being eaten may be thawed at up to 10°C.
- Heat treated food must be heated up to at least 75°C in the center. This is also concerning reheated food.
- Foodstuffs containing custard, cream, or mousse must be stored at less than 5°C. In bakeries, prepared food which is easily spoiled may be stored at up to 10°C, on condition that it is sold within 12 hours.
- At the retail stage eggs must be stored at less than 12°C.
- Where food is stored in heat, the temperature must be more than 65°C. Such food must not be cooled down and sold or eaten cold, but shall be disposed.
- There must be a thermometer which is easily seen in hot and cold storage rooms.
- The time taken to cool hot food from 65°C to below 10°C must be less than 3 hours.
- In no circumstances may food stand outside. This is only allowed when special permission is given.

### In addition to the above, attention is drawn to the regulations in the law concerning foodstuffs:

- The level of hygiene in a business must always be adequate. This also means that the business must not employ people who, on account of the danger of infection or the like, could cause the food to be unfit for human consumption. Articles 18 and 35 in MVL (The Parliamentary act on Food etc. No. 46 from June 21<sup>st</sup> 1985).
- It is forbidden to sell food that for some reason or other is unfit for human consumption. This may be due to rotting, to containing polluting substances, the wrong use of additives etc. Articles 11, 12 and 13 in MVL.
- The marking of food must be done in accordance with Proclamation no 25, based on articles 22, 23 and 24 concerning ready-packed food in MVL.

**Contravention of these regulations may lead to the closure of the business and legal proceedings being taken against the business.**