

Dairy Manufacturer:

A dairy manufacturer is defined by the *Dairy Act 2000* to mean *the owner of any dairy manufacturing premises*. Furthermore a dairy manufacturing premises means *any premises where –*





- (a) *milk is received direct from a dairy farm; or*
- (b) *dairy food is manufactured or packed*

Dairy food means –

- (a) *milk and liquid milk products;*
- (b) *dried milk and dried milk products;*
- (c) *condensed milks;*
- (d) *cream and cream products;*
- (e) *butter, butter products, dairy blend and dairy spreads;*
- (f) *cheese and cheese products;*
- (g) *yoghurt and yoghurt products;*
- (h) *ice cream, reduced fat ice cream and low fat ice cream;*
- (i) *any other product or class of products declared by a determination to be dairy food*

Summary of Licensing Requirements for a Dairy Manufacturer

Prior to commencing operations as a dairy manufacturer the following **must** be completed and submitted to Dairy Food Safety Victoria:

-  a licence application form;
-  the appropriate application fee;
-  the licence fee paid in full; and
-  a Food Safety Program.

Application Fee for Manufacturing Premises:

Operation Size	Production Volume	Application Fee
Small	0 – 1,000 tonnes 0 – 100,000 litres	\$161.00
Medium	1,001 – 1,500 tonnes 100,001 – 150,000 litres	\$536.63
Large	>1,500 tonnes >150,000 litres	\$2,146.52

A dairy manufacturing premises is required to:

- ✚ Meet the requirements detailed in the *Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety* (The *Code of Practice*). The *Code of Practice* sets the minimum mandatory standards for the production, manufacture, storage and transport of milk and dairy foods to safeguard public health and must be used by all dairy premises in conjunction with the *Food Standards Code*. This includes the requirement for a dairy manufacturer to have a Food Safety Program addressing all the requirements in the *Code of Practice*. The *Code of Practice* can be found on DFSV's website: www.dairysafe.vic.gov.au.
- ✚ Have a recall procedure in place, based on the FSANZ Food Recall Protocol (www.foodstandards.gov.au)
- ✚ Label all product in accordance with the legislation contained in the Food Standards Code (www.foodstandards.gov.au)
- ✚ A dairy manufacturing premises is not required to be registered or licensed with local government if a licence is held with Dairy Food Safety Victoria.
- ✚ Mixed food businesses will be assessed by DFSV on a case by case basis.
- ✚ For a dairy manufacturing premises intending to export dairy food, please also contact the AQIS Dairy Export Program (P: 03 8318 6763)

Important Legislation

Important legislation to be familiar with when operating as a dairy manufacturer, and that would be recommendable to purchase, are as follows:

- ✚ *Dairy Act 2000*
- ✚ *Export Control (Milk & Milk Products) Orders (2005) Food Act 1984 and Food (Amendment) Act 2001* (available from www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au)
- ✚ *FSANZ Food Standards Code*
- ✚ *Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety*

These documents can be accessed through links on DFSV's website
www.dairysafe.vic.gov.au.

Copies of the above legislation (with the exception of the *Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety*) can be purchased from:

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