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# Food Safety: Quick Facts

* A food business operator must not place unsafe food on the market. This means that food must not be injurious to health or unfit for human consumption.
* The general hygiene requirements for all food business operators are laid down in EC Regulation 852/2004, which is a directly applicable law in all EU Member States.
* All operations classed as “food businesses” are governed by food safety legislation.
* The enforcement of food safety legislation is the responsibility of officers of local authorities, eg environmental health officers and practitioners.
* All food businesses must develop, implement and maintain food safety management systems.
* All food handling staff should be trained in food hygiene to a level relevant to their responsibilities.