

Status and context of the document

This document relates to three food safety standards in Chapter 3 of the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code). These standards apply only in Australia. They are:

- 3.1.1 – Interpretation and Application
- 3.2.2 – Food Safety Practices and General Requirements
- 3.2.3 – Food Premises and Equipment

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