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To: Group Chief EHO's
District Council Chief EHOs
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cc: Lead Officers – Food Control

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Dear Colleagues,

Safer food, better business Care homes supplement

I am pleased to advise that the Safer food, better business (SFBB) supplement for care homes will be available from 7 May 2008. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with details about the supplement and how you will be able to obtain copies.

The Agency has developed the care homes supplement for small residential care homes to be used together with the SFBB pack for caterers. This supplement adds to the tool kit of Food Safety Management materials already available, which includes Safe Catering.



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The supplement contains three additional safe methods which cover the following specific food safety issues found in care homes:

- Extra care: protecting food
- Mini-kitchens
- Gift food

The supplement also contains a 'How to use this supplement' and an updated 'Safe method completion record'.

The supplement will be shrink-wrapped, ready to be inserted in the SFBB pack for caterers.

Initial distribution of the supplement

Please expect one copy of the supplement from our distributors, EC Group, on or around 9 May. If you do not receive the copy of the supplement by 15 May, please contact EC Group on 0845 606 0667 or by email at foodstandards@ecgroup.co.uk

The supplement that you receive from EC Group is intended to be used as your reference copy, a tab divider has been provided and this, along with the supplement, should be inserted into the SFBB Toolkit for enforcement officers.

Obtaining further copies

Extra copies of the care homes supplement can be ordered free of charge by contacting EC Group as detailed above and quoting: FSA/1252/0308.

I hope that you find the SFBB care homes supplement valuable as part of the tool kit in helping you support small care home businesses to operate effective food safety management procedures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Jackson".

Michael Jackson
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