

RISK ASSESSMENT - FORM RA2

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT	Catering
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TASK/OPERATION BEING ASSESSED	
REF No.	RA013
ACTIVITY	GRAVITY FEED SLICING MACHINES

PURPOSE/METHOD OF WORK
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Ensure that machine is isolated from the electricity supply i.e. switched off and unplugged. 2.Assemble the machine for use. Handle the blade by using the tool provided by the manufacturers. This tool acts as a guard and a carrying device. 3.Load the food to be sliced onto the machine. 4.Plug into the electricity supply and switch on at the mains. 5.Turn on the machine. 6.Operate the machine only by using the appropriate handle. 7.When slicing is complete, switch off the machine, switch off the mains supply and remove the plug. 8.Remove uncut food. 9.Dismantle the machine for cleaning, handling the blade only with the tool provided by manufacturers. 10.Clean the blade immediately, and either re-assemble the machine or store the blade safely.

SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS
Health & Safety at Work etc. Act Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations Electricity at Work Regulations Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations

LEVEL OF SKILL/TRAINING REQUIRED
On the job training by supervisor. Assessment of competence in using machine. Training records to be signed off by supervisor

CHEMICALS / MATERIALS INVOLVED	HSC NO.	ASSESSMENT DATE

SPECIFIC WORK EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
Gravity feed slicing machine. All appropriate attachments. Blade handling tool.

MAIN HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	WHO WILL BE AFFECTED	CONTROL MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK
Entanglement	All users	Fasten loose clothing out of the way before using the machine.
Slips and Falls	All staff	Ensure the operator can always reach the on/off switch or emergency stop. The surrounding floor area must be kept clear from obstructions. Clean up any spillages immediately, and remove grease and debris.
Electricity	All users	Equipment must be tested for electrical safety. Do not operate electrical switches, or unplug from the mains with wet hands.

Contact with sharp blade	All users	The blade of a gravity feed slicing machine is extremely sharp. It must never be removed from the machine or handled without using the tool provided by the manufacturer. The machine must never be used without the blade guard in place. When operating the machine, do not use the handle on the gravity feed mechanism. This handle is for opening and closing the feed mechanism, not for moving the carriage. Only the handle on the carriage must be used. Never assemble, dismantle or attempt to clean the machine before isolating from the mains supply (i.e. unplugging). Do not leave the machine unattended whilst the blade is in place and unguarded. Never clean a fixed blade unless the thickness control has been set to zero. Maintain equipment according to manufacturers schedule.
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MANUAL HANDLING RISK	
Has a manual handling risk been identified?	No
Is the risk considered to be	Low
Is a further detailed assessment required?	No
If the answer to the above question is YES a separate manual handling assessment will be required to fulfil the requirements of the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.	

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	
N/A	
Is training and instruction required	No
Is there need for special accommodation	No
Is there need for test/examination	No
Is all P.P.E. compatible	No

FREQUENCY OF MONITORING				
N/A	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	> 1 Year
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ASSESSMENT REVIEW PERIOD				
< 1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	> 4 Years
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Officer	N/A
Post/Title	N/A

Assessment Date	N/A
Next Review Date	N/A