



## Food Act Registration

The Food Act 2014 took effect on the 1 March 2016 and it is now a regulatory requirement that all food businesses in New Zealand are registered by 28 February 2019 for The Food Act (2014) and verified. Under the Food Act your orchard is designated a food business. MPI has agreed that your existing food safety audits cover the Food Act requirements. AVOCO is able to register and verify on your behalf using your AVOCO inspection for verification.

Attached to this email is a Food Act Registration form which enables AVOCO to register your avocado business under the Food Act on your behalf.

Please note that registering through AVOCO is not compulsory but registration is necessary to ensure annual AVOCO inspections covers your Food Act verification obligation.

As it is a legal requirement to be registered, it is important that you complete and return the form to us by 28 February 2019 if you require AVOCO to undertake your registration and verification.

### GROWERS OF MULTIPLE CROPS

If you have multiple crops in multiple grower groups you must be registered with ALL of them in order to have all crops verified. We cannot register other crops that you produce and sell but are not part of the AVOCO GAP scheme.

### INDIVIDUAL GROWER REGISTRATION

Should growers wish to complete their own registration:

- Register directly with your local Council under National Programme 1. There will be a fee to you for doing this which varies depending on which council area your orchard(s) are in. There is an exception to this where a business has orchards in more than one Council area. In

that case the registration must be completed directly with MPI.

- Growers with multiple orchards must ensure that each orchard or production area is registered under The Act.

For full Food Act and Registration details go to the MPI website using the weblink below:

[www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-act-2014/](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-act-2014/)

### AVOCO Group Registration Process

To register, please complete the attached form:

- Enter orchard and grower details
- Enter details of the primary contact person
- List all PPINS under your responsibility
- Advise which local council your food business operates in (Where all sites are located)
- Sign and return, authorising AVOCO to register/verify on behalf of your food business, to the following:

#### Primor Growers

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#### Team Avocado Growers

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