Shelf Life

In Unit Made Food Shelf Life Rules





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Cakes & Baked Goods



- Maximum 7 day shelf life
- Stored in a dry environment
- Cakes with cream or chocolate ganache keep refrigerated + max 3 day shelf life

Pies, Pasties & Sausage Rolls



 In-unit cooked on the premises pies, pasties and closed sausage rolls may be displayed at ambient temperature during the day of production only.

Sandwiches



- Maximum 2 day shelf life
- Day of production + 1 day

Chilled / Ready to Eat Food



- Maximum 72 hr shelf life unless any ingredient manufacturer specifies shorter
- Enables food to be prepared on Day 1 for lunchtime service on Day 3
- Must be covered and refrigerated

Whole Cooked Joints



- Maximum 72hrs shelf life for whole joints of meat -Turkey / Beef / Gammon
- All left overs discarded after 72hrs
- Re-heat only once + discard any leftovers

Freezing In-Unit Made Food



- Maximum 6 months shelf life from date of freezing (3 months in Ireland)
- Add allergen sticker to indicate known allergen ingredients from recipe
- Defrost fully and use within 72hrs

Pickles Chutney & Jams



- Jams & Chutneys maximum 3 month shelf life if sugar content over 38%
- Pickles maximum 3 months shelf life if acidity lower than 4.3 PH
- Once opened use within 1 week

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