

Catering Operations Compliance Checklist

Food and beverage

MAINTENANCE & SANITATION

Cleaning of premises/equipment follows a documented schedule; no stagnant water is present.

Compliant

Partially Compliant

Non-Compliant

Preventive maintenance of machinery is done as per manufacturer guidelines.

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Measuring and monitoring devices are calibrated periodically.

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Pest control is conducted by licensed personnel and records are kept.

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No visible pest activity or infestation inside premises.

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Drains are well designed, equipped with grease traps and pest barriers.

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Waste and refuse are cleared regularly to avoid accumulation.

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OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

All incoming materials are sourced from approved vendors as per internal specifications.

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Raw materials are checked upon receipt for spoilage, safety, and quality.

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Products (raw, semi, or final) are stored under appropriate hygienic and temperature-controlled conditions. FIFO/FEFO is practiced.

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Ingredients are cleaned thoroughly before preparation.

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Segregation between raw/cooked and veg/non-veg foods is maintained.

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All food-contact equipment is sanitized before and after use.

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Frozen foods are thawed under safe conditions; no re-storage of thawed food is allowed.

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Cooking of veg items reaches $\geq 60^{\circ}\text{C}$ for required time; non-veg items meet minimum core temperature of $\geq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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Cooked food is cooled quickly from 60°C → 21°C within 2 hours, then to ≤5°C within next 2 hours.

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Food portioning occurs under hygienic conditions, preferably under refrigeration.

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Hot foods are held at ≥65°C, cold foods ≤5°C, frozen items at -18°C.

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Reheating achieves ≥75°C for at least 2 minutes; improper reheating methods are avoided.

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Oil quality is verified regularly (color, odor, residues).

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Transport vehicles are clean, temperature-controlled, and maintained in good repair.

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Food and non-food items in transport are kept physically separated.

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Crockery, cutlery, and accompaniments are sanitized and hygienic.

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Packaging and wrapping materials are food-grade and clean.

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PREMISES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Layout of premises ensures sufficient working space and allows effective cleaning, preventing dust or pest entry.

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Internal fittings and structures are constructed with non-toxic, non-porous materials.

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Walls, ceilings, and doors are intact and free from peeling paint, condensation, or debris.

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Flooring is slip-resistant, waterproof, and appropriately sloped.

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Windows are kept closed or fitted with insect-proof screens when opened.

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Doors are smooth, non-absorbent, and designed to block pest entry.

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Potable water (tested twice yearly as per IS:10500 standards) is used for food contact and preparation.

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Containers and equipment are non-corrosive, easy to clean, and made of food-grade material.

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Facilities exist for heating, cooling, freezing, and proper temperature monitoring.

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Lighting is adequate and fixtures are shielded to avoid contamination risk.

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Ventilation across premises is sufficient and functional.

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Secure storage areas are available for food, chemicals, packaging, and staff belongings.

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Handwashing stations, toilets, and changing facilities for staff are adequate.

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Food materials are tested in-house or through accredited labs, with records maintained.

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REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Does the food business hold a valid and updated FSSAI license displayed at a visible spot?

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STAFF HYGIENE & HEALTH

Annual medical checks and vaccinations for food handlers are documented.

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Staff with illness, wounds, or infections are restricted from handling food.

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Food handlers follow personal hygiene standards: clean attire, no jewelry, handwashing, trimmed nails, etc.

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Protective clothing (aprons, gloves, head covers) is provided and used where necessary.

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TRAINING & DOCUMENTATION

Periodic internal/external audits are conducted and records are maintained.

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Customer grievance redressal mechanism is available and functional.

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Staff are trained in food safety practices; training records are available.

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Documentation and records are retained for a minimum of one year.

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