

# Is it PPDS? (Pre Packed for Direct Sale)

This will help you find out whether what you are selling PPDS food or not. Packaging and where the food is packaged is key here and can affect any food or drink business. Whether you are street food, festival or event catering, a café, pub, bar or anything in between, it is critical that you put the processes in place to manage PPDS now.

So, what's the definition of packaging here?

Food is PPDS if it is packaged as follows:

- the food is fully or partly enclosed by the packaging.
- the food cannot be altered without opening or changing the packaging.
- the food is ready for sale to the final consumer.

Examples of this kind of packaging would be:

- a cake completely wrapped in cling film.
- a sandwich placed in a paper bag with the bag folded over or twisted to encase the sandwich.
- rolls contained in a plastic bag that is tied with a knot or sealed.

Food is not PPDS if it does not have packaging, or if it is packaged in a way that the food can be altered without opening or changing the packaging (for example a burger served on an open cardboard tray).

