

10B. Prohibition of dogs on food premises except in certain circumstances

(L.N. 21 of 2026)

- (1) A person must not bring a dog onto any food premises. *(L.N. 21 of 2026)*
- (2) A person engaged in a food business must not knowingly suffer or permit the presence of a dog on any food premises. *(L.N. 21 of 2026)*
- (2A) However, subsections (1) and (2) do not apply if—
 - (a) a permission is granted under section 31B in respect of the food premises and is valid;
 - (b) the dog is not a fighting dog or known dangerous dog;
 - (c) at all times when the dog is present on the premises, the dog is—
 - (i) securely held on a leash of not more than 1.5 m in length by an adult; or
 - (ii) securely tied to a fixture on a leash of not more than 1.5 m in length; and
 - (d) the dog is not present in a food room at any time when it is present on the premises. *(L.N. 21 of 2026)*
- (3) Nothing in this section is to be construed to prohibit the presence on any food premises (other than a food room) of a dog serving as a guide for a totally or partially blind person, or to prohibit the presence on any food premises of a dog in connection with the exercise of a lawful power. *(78 of 1999 s. 7; L.N. 21 of 2026)*

(L.N. 464 of 1994)

31B. Director may grant permission for presence of dogs on food premises

The Director may grant permission in writing to a person for the presence of any dog (except a fighting dog or known dangerous dog) on any food premises (except a food room).

(L.N. 21 of 2026)

35. Offences and penalties

- (4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) for contravening section 10B(1) or (2) to establish that, at the time of the alleged offence, the person had reasonable excuse for the contravention. *(L.N. 21 of 2026)*
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4), a person is taken to have established the reasonable excuse for the contravention if—
 - (a) there is sufficient evidence to raise an issue with respect to the reasonable excuse; and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved by the prosecution beyond reasonable doubt. *(L.N. 21 of 2026)*

(10 of 1986 s. 32(2); 78 of 1999 s. 7; L.N. 185 of 2008)