

# Model byelaw 10: guidance notes

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## Byelaws for Markets

1. Section 60 of the Food Act 1984 provides for a local authority who maintain a market to make byelaws for regulating the use of the market place, for preventing nuisances or obstructions, for regulating porters, fixing certain charges and for preventing the spread of fires. As the legislation requires the local authority to consult the fire authority, draft byelaws should be accompanied by confirmation that this has been done.
2. These model byelaws are intended as a guide to local authorities in their preparation of byelaws for regulating the use of their markets.
3. Local authorities may select appropriate items or vary or add to the byelaws to meet their local needs. They should not seal and advertise the byelaws but forward draft byelaws for consideration. It would be helpful to have a brief description or plan of the market and an explanation of the need for any variations to the model.
4. The byelaws should be numbered. Copies of any earlier byelaws that are being revoked should be sent with the new draft byelaws.
5. Draft byelaws and any queries should be addressed to:

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