



## **BFM POLICY (GOURMET FOODS)**

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BFM's Constitution allows "farmers-only" to attend its markets. BFM's gourmet food concept was developed to improve farmer viability by allowing them to diversify into value-added products for their stalls. Under the Constitution (cl 7.2), gourmet foods are allowed if a Member grows "at least one of the prime ingredients".

Over time, BFM has loosely interpreted the meaning of "prime ingredient" and "farmer-only". It has accepted some gourmet foods, despite the Member not growing a prime ingredient. And it has accepted some Members who are "large gardeners" instead of farmers. For example, many baked goods use wheat as a prime ingredient – although wheat is not a local crop. On this basis, BFM has occasionally approved Members provided they grew some other ingredients used in their products.

As a result, BFM's gourmet line now extends to: baked goods, meat products, juice and cordial, sprouts, sauces, jams, dairy foods, wine, dried fruit, pasta and muesli – plus hot coffee and a burger bar.

However, Members expressly do not want any relaxation of BFM's "farmer-only" policy that might allow the entry of "artisan food makers" – where a processor buys all ingredients from BFM Members but does not grow any of their own crops. Members believe this would degrade the image of BFM as an "authentic" farmers market.

Hence, the BFM Audit Program has been modified to audit gourmet food products and processing facilities as well as traditional farms inspections. The Auditor will also document the mix of ingredients used for gourmet food production to ensure they have been approved.

Seasonality of produce is a very important part of the nature of local food production and farmers' markets. Gourmet food makers (stallholders who sell value-added or processed products), who don't grow all of their own ingredients, are expected to buy ingredients from other BFM Members, where they are available. Each month, gourmet food makers must provide written information outlining ingredients bought from other BFM Members. Gourmet food makers will supply a documented report of purchases and amounts with dates and the supplier's signature. The information must be detailed enough to be checked with the supplying Member, if required, for auditing. A report will be included in the Member's annual audit report for Membership renewal.

Failure to have records will be penalised –

1<sup>st</sup> offence – 1 week to have report in order

2<sup>nd</sup> offence – Cease to trade for one month

3<sup>rd</sup> offence – Cease to trade for 3 months

FM GOURMET FOOD MAKERS

**MONTHLY AUDIT REPORT**  
**(to be collected by Manager on 1<sup>st</sup> market of the month)**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: 20\_\_\_\_\_

**Product bought from other BFM Members**

<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>AMT</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>SUPPLIER SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>