



Fact Sheet

Information on Food Act for Water carriers

48(1)(b) Licensing – water.

Do water carriers require a licence?

Yes.

They are selling unpackaged food (water) by retail and therefore section 48(1)(b) applies. However, if they are merely transporting potable water from the source to a storage point or another vehicle for distribution, then they are a food transport vehicle and would not require a licence.

For example, a large truck collects the water from a local government stand pipe and then takes the water to the depot where the water is put into several smaller trucks for delivery to houses, the large truck does not need a licence, but the small trucks delivering to the purchaser require a licence.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/ehu/32428.pdf>

Section 12 (F) is very clear, section 39 also clear.....

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/f/fooda06.pdf>

Section 57A and onwards also quite clear

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/P/PubHealA05.pdf>

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