

1. lag phase	the time required for bacteria in contaminated food to become adjusted to their new environment
2. logarithmic phase	the time during which microbes grow in the ideal conditions on a contaminated food
3. microbial	a tiny life form
4. OH&S	legislation and committees set up in the workplace to ensure that the working environment is safe
5. pasteurisation	the process by which milk is sterilised by holding it at a high temperature for a period of time
6. pathogenic bacteria	micro-organisms capable of causing disease and illness
7. production run	a quantity of product manufactured in a certain time period
8. quality assurance	putting processes in place within an organisation to guarantee the standards achieved during processing; part of the total quality management plan of an organisation
9. quality control	the conducting of tests to check the standards of raw materials or products before, during or after production
10. raw material	any product that goes into the manufacture of another processed good
11. shelf-life	the expected length of time a food will maintain its best quality
12. sieving	a process which involves shaking powders or loose solids through mesh to separate out large particles
13. stationary phase	when the number of microbes on a contaminated food remains constant
14. sterilisation	the process of destroying all living micro-organisms on and in an object
15. sublimation	to change, when heated, from a solid state to a vapour without going through the liquid stage
16. unit operation	a process involved in the transformation of raw materials into manufactured goods e.g. peeling, heating, freezing
17. vacuum packing	a process used in the canning or bottling of foods, in which the air in the head space is removed and a vacuum is put in its place
18. viruses	micro-organisms that are smaller than bacteria that can only reproduce inside a living host cell and so cannot grow in food