Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide shops with the ability to choose if they open for trade on Easter Sunday.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy any term defined in section 2 of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 has the same meaning as provided for in that act.

In the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 shop means a building, place, or part of a building or place, where goods are kept, sold, or offered for sale, by retail; and includes an auction mart, and a barrow, stall, or other subdivision of a market; but does not include-

(a) a private home where the owner or occupier’s effects are being sold (by auction or otherwise); or
(b) a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling by auction agricultural products, pastoral products, and livestock, or any of them; or
(c) a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling goods to people who are dealers, and buy the goods to sell them again.

Kaikōura district is the area of 2048 square kilometres which include the whole of the Kaikōura district territorial boundary. The Kaikōura district is shown on the map included in appendix I.

3. Scope

This policy applies to the whole of the Kaikōura district.

This policy does not apply to the sale or supply of alcohol. Alcohol sale and supply is regulated under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

4. Shop trading permitted

Shop trading is permitted in the Kaikōura district on Easter Sunday.
5. Employee and employer choice

Kaikōura District Council acknowledges the significance of Easter Sunday to New Zealanders. Nothing in this policy requires shops to open or employees to work.

The Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 includes provisions that protect an employee’s right to refuse work on Easter Sundays. In accordance with this act an employee may refuse to work Easter Sunday without providing any reason; and without receiving any repercussions for exercising this right.

6. Policy administration

6.1 Review

In accordance with Section 5C (2) of the Shop trading Hours Amendment Act 2016 this Policy must be reviewed within five years of its adoption. The special consultative procedure must be used to review, revoke, replace or continue this policy without amendment.

6.2 Relevant legislation

Shop Trading Hours Act 1990

6.3 Policy adopted

This policy was adopted by Kaikōura District Council on 15th March 2017
Appendix I – Map of the Kaikōura district