Monthly Enforcement Report

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Report of Local Authorities Food Sampling in Scotland for 2017-2018

The Food Protection Science and Surveillance branch has finalised the annual Local Authority Food Sampling in Scotland report covering the period 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. The report presents analysis of data collected on UKFSS of food sampling activities undertaken by Scottish LAs and results of microbiological examination, chemical analysis and substitution tested conducted by four Scottish Public Analysts laboratories. The analysis of UKFSS data for this reporting period identified a number of issues which are recommended to LAs for consideration in their local and regional enforcement programmes for 2019/20.

During the reporting period 8024 samples were collected, which represents a decrease of 7.55% compared to the number recorded during the same period in 2016/17. However, there was a decrease in the percentage of unsatisfactory results in microbial (0.73%) and chemical (1.1%) tests but there was a rise in unsatisfactory results for the substitution samples (0.85%). Similar to previous years, the highest proportions of samples were taken at retailers (38.9%), followed by restaurants and caterers (32.6%) and manufacturers/processors (24.1%) (overall 95.6% of all samples). The most significant fails were observed in samples taken at restaurants & other caterers (20.4%), manufacturers/processors (13.85%) and retailers (13.68%). Microbiological and chemical failure rates for EU and third country imports were similar to those for UK produced food, although the number of imported foods sampled was almost 5 times lower than for UK products.

The report has been circulated to the Scottish Food Enforcement Liaison Committee (SFELC), the chairs of the Food Safety Subcommittee, the four Scottish Public Analysts (Aberdeen, Tayside, Glasgow and Edinburgh), the Sampling and Surveillance Working Group (SSWG), the chairs of the four Food Liaison Groups (East of Scotland, North of Scotland, West of Scotland and Lothian and Borders) and the Lead Food Officers of the Scottish Local Authorities.

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The next meeting is scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Friday 08 February 2019  
**Location:** Scottish Government  
St Andrews House  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3DG  
**Time:** 10:30 - 13:30

Tea & Coffee will be available from 10:00 am  
Lunch with networking will be provided after the meeting concludes

**Items:**  
- Report on the “Official Control Verification in Food Manufacturing” manual  
- Brexit update  
- A Standard Inspection Form for Catering Premises Presentation  

The following SFELC meetings will be:

26 April 2019 in Stirling (The Stirling Highland Hotel)  
21 June 2019 in Aberdeen (FSS, Pilgrim House)  
04 October 2019 in Glasgow  
06 December 2019 in Dundee

**Joint Specialist Cheese & Risky Foods Working Group Workshop**

The SFELC Joint Specialist Cheese & Risky Foods working group, which produced the [Guidance for Local Authority Enforcement Officers on the Production of Cheese from Unpasteurised milk](#) has scheduled a workshop for Tuesday 05 March 2019 in the Marriott Hotel, Glasgow for Local Authorities which have raw milk cheese producers in their areas. If you are interested in attending please contact the WG Chair at the email link below.

If you have any questions on the above, please do make contact

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Local Authority Training Programme 2018-2019

Please see the details of the LA Training programme in the Information Tables Annex detailing the upcoming courses.

Notification of a 5-day Advanced HACCP Level 4 Training course scheduled for 25 - 29 March 2019 in Glasgow has been sent to Lead Food officers inviting them to nominate LA staff to attend.

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Information Tables
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**Audit Programme**
Audit programme – January 2019

**Consultations**
FSS Consultations

**Enforcement Letters**
There were no Enforcement Letters issued in January 2019

**Import Letters**
Import Letters issued in January 2019

**Early Warning System for Imported Food and Feed**
Early Warning System for Imported Food and Feed – January 2019

**Eat Safe Awards**
Eat Safe awards issued in January 2019

**Food Hygiene Information Scheme (FHIS)**
FHIS statistics for January 2019

**Local Authority Training Programme**
Local Authority Training Programme for 2018-2019

**Allergy Alerts**
Allergy Alerts issued in January 2019

**Food Alerts for Action**
There were no Food Alerts for Action issued in January 2019

**Product Recall Information Notices**
Product Recall Information Notices issued in January 2019

**Product Withdrawal Information Notices**
There were no Product Withdrawal Information Notices issued in January 2019

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