

Annual Food Standards Sampling Report (2013/2014)

Inspection Samples

One food samples were taken as part of routine food visits. The outcome was a change to product labelling of Extra Virgin Oil Seed Rape at Blodyn Aur.

It would be considered best practice to take food samples from ALL high risk FBO's as part of routine inspections into food standards and this is a recommendation for 2014-2015.

Service & Complaints Samples

2 Samples were taken arising from complaints into the Food Standards Service;

- one involved an internal examination as insufficient evidence existed to analyse, and,
- one was resulted from a kidney in a KFC meal, resulting in a referral to Powys Health Teaching Board for Gastronomy Food UK Ltd franchise.

Advice & Training Samples

No samples were taken for formal training as all sampling projects were used for this purpose.

Investigation Samples

A sample was taken and submitted though not analysed when a 5x5x5 (Intelligence report) was received from Food Fraud Unit concerning substitution in chilli peppers against a high risk food packer. Analysis would be unable to detect chilli type. With developments in isotope techniques the lab [Eurofins] may in the future be able to detect potential substitution fraud.

Sampling Projects (FSA funded)

Feed - Contaminants

5 out of 5 cereals passed without mycotoxins from farms in Denbighshire

Food: Composition

- 2 out of 10 meat products failed for meat composition on the Procurement survey:
 - ❖ one on % meat content, and ,
 - ❖ one of species substitution.
- 1 out of 3 of the lamb species failed for other meat species [chicken in kebab]
- 3 out of 3 of the beef species passed for other meat species
- one DCC meat supplier failed on the survey from an out of county sample

Substitution:

- 2 out of 5 cheese products failed for cheese substitution in a survey
- 5 out of 5 fish samples passed for potential cheaper substitutions

Contamination:

- 1 out of 3 restaurant samples failed for nut allergens. One of these failures resulted in an investigation with appropriate action under consideration (April 2014).
- 3 out of 3 of the oat product passed for ergot contamination.

Other Substitution (not FSA funded)

- 39 out of 39 dip stick screens on spirits passed for cheaper imitation brands