

2016/17 National Coordinated Sampling Programme – priority guidance

<b>Which food(s)?</b>	
<b>UK produce or imported?</b>	Delete the inapplicable two: UK only Imported only Both
<b>What is to be tested for/investigated?</b>	
<b>What will the data be used for?</b>	What is the reason for sampling? What are the envisaged outcomes? For example, statistics for evidence for a FSA campaign, or for EU negotiations, or to support a specific policy development?
<b>Description of risk<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>What size/type of business are samples to be taken from?</b>	Describe the businesses from which samples are to be taken, eg small/large, retail/wholesale/catering/manufacturing/Internet. Does it matter if there are repeats of brand or type of premises?
<b>Why is it appropriate for an enforcement authority to take the sample(s)<sup>2</sup>?</b>	Explain why it is best for an enforcement authority to take the sample – see example reasons below.
<b>Port or inland authority?</b>	Delete the inapplicable two: Port only Inland only Both
<b>What action is the enforcement authority expected to take for ‘non-compliant’ samples?</b>	
<b>Is it important to get a good geographic spread?</b>	
<b>Are accredited methods readily available and suitable?</b>	
<b>Testing method(s)</b>	Optional: to cover cases where specific methods are set out in legislation or required for another reason. Ignore if standard.
<b>Are other sampling programmes already covering?</b>	For example, for Reg EC 669/2009, Annex 1
<b>Any additional information that needs to be collected from the business at the time of sampling?</b>	
<b>Minimum quantity of sample</b>	Ignore. To be added by authority after discussion with lab

<sup>1</sup> Consider:

- Magnitude of potential harm/loss of consumer protection
- Likelihood of harm/loss occurring
- Exposure – consumption pattern/consumer vulnerability
- Socio-political factors – media/public interest, political interest, economic importance

<sup>2</sup> For example:

- To increase official control activity and business compliance in a priority area.
- To indicate if an intervention (perhaps new guidance or a communications campaign) has improved compliance.
- To raise awareness and knowledge of an issue among enforcement officers and businesses.
- To fulfil EU requirements
- To test out research/horizon scanning/emerging risks findings.
- Deterrence.
- Monitoring known risks (although continued monitoring of the same issue without some reason to think that things may have changed is not strong justification).
- To collect data to support policy development (eg EU negotiations)
- To provide baseline data about what is normal.

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IF POSSIBLE, MAXIMUM OF TWO

<b>Storage</b>	Ignore. To be added by authority after discussion with lab
<b>Sampling process</b>	Ignore. To be added by authority after discussion with lab
<b>Testing code</b>	Ignore. To be added by authority after discussion with lab