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SAMPLING REPORT FOR THE COLLECTION AND PURCHASE OF SAMPLES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAHs) IN CEREALS AND CEREAL PRODUCTS, VEGETABLES AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS AND TRADITIONALLY SMOKED FOODS

The collection and purchase of 230 samples was undertaken from 11th September 2010 to 14th October 2010 in accordance with the sampling protocol.

1. SUMMARY OF SAMPLES PURCHASED

TRADITIONALLY SMOKED FOODS - 120 samples (target 120), of which;

- Uncooked meat - 8 samples
- Cooked meat - 39 samples
- White/oily fish - 14 samples
- Ready-to-eat fish - 59 samples

MINIMALLY PROCESSED CEREAL GRAINS AND CEREAL PRODUCTS - 70 samples (target 70), of which;

- Breakfast cereals - 15 samples
- Bread - 15 samples
- Flour - 15 samples
- Cereal based infant products - 10 samples
- Miscellaneous products - 15 samples

MINIMALLY PROCESSED VEGETABLE AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - 40 samples (target 40), of which;

- Raw - 17 samples
- Mixed products - 9 samples
- Canned - 5 samples
- Frozen - 3 samples
- Pickles - 3 samples
- Infant foods - 3 samples

2. REGIONAL PURCHASE SPREAD

	Greater London	Lincolnshire	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	Mail order/online retailers
Smoked foods	0	5	5	35	5	70
Cereal and cereal products	25	16	13	0	16	0
Vegetable and vegetable products	13	9	9	0	9	0
Totals	38	30	27	35	30	70

Table 1 Regional purchase spread

3. RETAILER SPREAD

- Fishmongers/ butchers/ delicatessens - 38 samples
- Bakers/ bakery departments - 4 samples
- Greengrocers - 7 samples
- Supermarkets - 75 samples
- Convenience stores/ discounters - 21 samples
- Independent retailers/ chemists/ health food stores - 15 samples
- Scottish mail order/online companies- 65 samples
- Non-Scottish mail order/online companies- 5 samples

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