

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1) **For your authority, please provide the number of samples from the years 2012/13 and 2013/14 (to date) that were classified as unsatisfactory for these analysis types:**

- **Composition (column F)**

ANSWER

2012/13 - 0, 2013/14 - 47 provisionally

- **Labelling & Presentation (column G)**

2013/13 - 0, 2013/14 - 3 provisionally

- **Others (column H)**

2012/13 - 0, 2013/14 - 0

2) **For each of these unsatisfactory samples, please provide the record detailing the unsatisfactory result and any follow up action taken by Trading Standards. Please send these records as attachments. If necessary, these can be delivered in compressed files and/or multiple emails.**

A report on a 2013 sampling programme has been published and can be found by following the below link.

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/environmental-health-licensing/food-safety/>

For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, e.g. [the Publication Scheme, the Council Website

3) **Please provide details of the maximum fine levied by your authority's Trading Standards in the last two years as a result of a food product being "unsatisfactory"?**

Trading Standards does not levy fines in relation to a food product being "unsatisfactory", nor do the courts [there is no offence of food being

“unsatisfactory”]. During 2012/13 and 2013/14 no court has levied a fine in relation to the sampling of a food by Leicester City Council and the results of its examination or analysis.

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Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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