

## Examiner's report

### CTSI Professional Competency Framework

#### Stage 2: Food Written Examiner's Report May 2021

##### General

As a set of a papers, overall, the standard was higher this year with several candidates providing some pleasing answers that provided content that was clear and logical to read.

A reminder that candidates need to focus on what the question is asking. The questions are designed to focus on particular aspects of food law so the same content will not appear in the marking scheme for more than one question in a paper.

##### Section A

- Q1** This was generally not well answered with answers missing many of the labelling requirements. The question was specifically for loose retail sales so explanation for boxed eggs would not attract marks.
- Q2** Not a popular question with only one candidate selecting to answer.
- Q3** Generally answers included most of the specific provisions and exemptions for alcoholic beverages. As the answer stipulated Retained EU Regulation 1169/2011 requirements of the Spirit Drink Regulations 2008 and Retained EU Regulation 110/2008 are not relevant to the answer.
- Q4** The use of a candidate's own words and phrasing to explain definitions is acceptable and can indeed demonstrate understanding, however many answers omitted key elements of these definitions.
- Q5** One candidate provided an excellent answer to this question. Other candidates demonstrated some awareness of the Annex III but did not include Annex VI particulars.
- Q6** Good answers by most candidates especially Part B of this question.

##### Section B

- Q7** Mixed levels of detail provided for this answer and unfortunately not all candidates discussed improvements that could be made to the scheme, writing off potential marks.
- Q8** Surprisingly, only one candidate selected this answer and demonstrated good knowledge and understanding of the relevant provisions.
- Q9** Answered by all candidates, with good answers. There was some confusion on the understanding of homogeneity and fat content in cheese although all selected the appropriate sampling division method.
- Q10** Not a popular question and unfortunately candidate's answers provided little detail on the areas to inspect and records to examined.

