

## Examiner's report

### CTSI Professional Competency Framework

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

##### General

This was conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams. Candidates were shown slides of food labelling on PowerPoint, for the examiner to then pose questions to assess the following criteria

- Knowledge of legislation
- Knowledge of enforcement powers
- Sampling procedures
- Action and conclusions
- Communication

It is recognised that images of full labelling, given how it can appear across a package can be challenging to see via a PowerPoint. In some cases, labels or words/terms associated with labelling were presented on the slides, rather than the image of a full food label.

One candidate's internet link was weak at one point so additional examination time was given.

Candidates were familiar with the general mandatory information being able to explain these points without the benefit of a complete label to guide their answer. There were some good answers from candidates able to clearly identify unprompted product specific descriptions, legislation, and criteria.

Being able to explain the reasons for your answers is an important part of the examination. The stronger candidates were able to talk easily and confidently about products, legal requirements and enforcement actions explaining practical implications without intervention by the examiner. This tends to identify those officers who have gained a well-rounded practical experience of food official controls and enforcement.

Referencing specific legislation is a part of an answer. However, some candidates were focussed on reciting regulation and article numbers potentially at the expense of their answer as they struggled to recall that level of detail.