

## Examiner's report

### CTSI Professional Competency Framework

#### Stage 2: Food Oral Examiner's Report September 2022

##### General

The exam was conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams using PowerPoint to show product labels with candidates assessed on five criteria

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

To ensure labels are clear the examiner may only show part of a label e.g., the front of a pack and move to the back of the pack as necessary. The examiner may interrupt the candidate to move on to another product/scenario. There is limited time and the examiner needs to progress through a number of questions to ensure all the five examinable criteria are covered.

Generally, candidates were able to identify and explain the general mandatory information. Candidates should focus on the labelling relevant to the product presented rather than talking about labelling more widely. Candidates are asked to explain their reasoning which will be to a specific product shown or scenario described by the examiner.

Candidates were also able to identify other product specific labelling requirements or descriptions that would warrant further substantiation. Stronger candidates are able to do this without prompting by the examiner.

The method for sampling may be asked by the examiner. A key element of this is to explore understanding of sampling division requirements and its relevance to a particular product. Further questions may require explanation of the physical considerations for mixing, bagging and tagging of samples.