

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Food Oral Examiner's Report May 2022

General

The exam was conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams using PowerPoint to show product labels. Questions assessed the following criteria

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

Candidates were generally able to explain the mandatory labelling food information with some candidates able to identify other product specific legislation and requirements relevant to the products. To demonstrate understanding and the ability to reach conclusions candidates need to apply their knowledge to the label presented rather than listing the mandatory information from the legislation.

The labels are used by the examiner as a basis to describe practical scenarios to assess the knowledge of enforcement powers and sampling. It is important that candidates can identify the action they would take and explain their reasons for coming to that decision.

Some candidates did not demonstrate a grasp of sampling principles in determining whether to divide samples or keep whole.

Strong candidates are able to confidently discuss the labels and scenarios presented without hesitation or prompting by the examiner.