

TRADING STANDARDS IN ACTION

The range of trading standards' responsibilities can sometimes make it difficult to comprehend the scale of the contribution the service makes to society. It has sometimes been referred to as 'the invisible service' – it is easy to take it for granted, but when things go wrong, the impact of poorly resourced and overstretched trading standards departments is felt by everyone.



IN 2019/20, TRADING STANDARDS PREVENTED

£400M

IN CONSUMER AND BUSINESS DETRIMENT

Source: ACTSO
Figure is for England and Wales



Chartered Trading Standards Institute

In
2019/20
in England and
Wales, trading
standards:

REMOVED
MORE THAN
5.4M
UNSAFE PRODUCTS
FROM THE MARKET

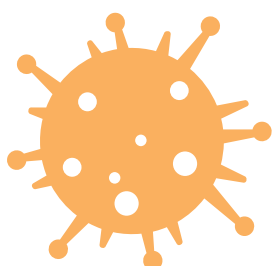
DISCOVERED
MORE THAN
6,700
BUSINESSES IN BREACH
OF ANIMAL WELFARE
LEGISLATION

IDENTIFIED
MORE THAN
7,400
BUSINESSES SUPPLYING
FOOD THAT WAS
MISDESCRIBED, DID NOT
DECLARE ALLERGENS, OR
CONTAINED TOXINS

SEIZED ILLICIT
TOBACCO FROM
1,300
PREMISES, INCLUDING
19.6M
CIGARETTES WORTH
£4.2M

CONDUCTED UNDERAGE
TEST PURCHASES FOR
ALCOHOL & KNIVES AT
5,300
PREMISES

Source: ACTSO



Within the past
year, trading
standards has:



CARRIED OUT
220,000
COVID-19 SECURE AND
BUSINESS CLOSURE
COMPLIANCE VISITS OR
CHECKS IN ENGLAND



DISTRIBUTED
45,000
NTS 'WASH YOUR HANDS
OF CORONAVIRUS
SCAMS' LEAFLETS IN
NORTHERN IRELAND



PREVENTED
8,830,400
UNSAFE PPE PRODUCTS
FROM REACHING
THE PUBLIC IN THE
EAST OF ENGLAND



GIVEN
52,721
BUSINESS PREMISES
PROACTIVE ADVICE
ON COVID-19 SAFETY
COMPLIANCE IN WALES*



CARRIED OUT
66,600
COVID-19 SECURE AND
BUSINESS CLOSURE
COMPLIANCE VISITS OR
CHECKS IN SCOTLAND

Source: CTSI

*Figure represents the collective effort of local authority teams, not just trading standards