

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Food Standards Oral Examiner's Report November 2019

General

Candidates were asked to examine food labelling, for the examiner to then pose further questions to assess the following criteria

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

Candidates basic food labelling knowledge was generally good with some able to offer unprompted further detail and reasoning for their conclusions. Candidates should explain out loud what they are looking for and why within the parameters of the question initially put by the examiner. The examiner may ask supplementary questions based on what you have said and may also stop you but this is to ensure the exam covers all the criteria.

Sampling is no longer a separate component of the exam and this may explain why candidates seemed less prepared. Answers were generally vague and not confidently given.

There was a satisfactory level of knowledge of enforcement powers including use of improvement notices.

All the candidates communicated their answers well and kept their nerves under control. Examiners do understand how stressful a situation it can be and try to make the process as comfortable as possible.