

Mapping Criteria:

Food Standards

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Aim:

To provide the candidate with an understanding and knowledge of the legal requirements in relation to food standards and their application to food and an understanding of how food affects health and well being.

Learning Outcomes:

The competence for this module is the demonstration of knowledge and understanding of

1. The law relating to the composition, labelling and advertising of food and food products sold for human consumption
2. The responsibilities and liabilities of producers, manufacturers and suppliers of food and food products
3. The diligence requirements of producers, manufacturers and suppliers
4. A knowledge of food hygiene and microbiology in order to effectively undertake inspections at food premises and take food samples without contamination

Indicative areas of knowledge

- The application of legal principles relating to food and food products supplied for consumer use
- Analysis and application of the relevant offences that can be committed
- The critical analysis of food labels and their contents
- Sampling techniques and problems relating to identifying samples and determining when and how a sample can be taken
- The roles and powers of central and local government in ensuring the supply of food, which is correctly labeled and identified
- The roles of other agencies in control, advice and guidance relating to food and food products
- The role and duties of the public analyst
- Issues of difficulty and controversy in food labeling law

The following terms have been used to indicate the level of knowledge required in each element;

Detailed: To an in-depth level, and with a fine degree of distinction between concepts

Working: With the ability to apply the learning to situations so as to resolve problems

Basic: Having an awareness of the organisations and concepts

Assessments will reflect the requisite level of knowledge in each given area of the syllabus.

SYLLABUS	EVIDENCE REFERENCE	ASSESSOR COMMENT/AGREEMENT	MODERATOR COMMENT AGREEMENT
Legislation - Detailed Knowledge			
• The Food Safety Act 1990			
• The Food Standards Act 1999			
• The Food Labeling Regulations 1996			
• The other subsidiary legislation and EC legislation relating to food labeling and standards			
• FSA Code of Practice and Guidance			
• Sampling techniques and the role sampling plays in food enforcement			
Working Knowledge			
• Additives and Contaminants Regulations			
• Any associated EC legislation			
• Quality Control measures			
• Food Standards			
Basic Knowledge			
• Food and Environmental Protection Act 1985 - Part 1			
• The history of the law relating to food			
• Food hygiene and microbiology In the context of carrying out inspections and sampling			
• HACCAP			
General - Working Knowledge			
• Relevant case law			
• The contribution Trading Standards food standards work can make to the health and well being agenda			
• Relevant LACORS and FSA opinions and guidance			
• The role of the Public Analyst in food enforcement			
• Traceability requirements			

SYLLABUS	EVIDENCE REFERENCE	ASSESSOR COMMENT/AGREEMENT	MODERATOR COMMENT/AGREEMENT
Basic Knowledge			
• The technology of food production and production techniques			
• Nutritional aspects of the major food categories			
• The role of the Food Standards Agency and EFSA in food enforcement			
• The function and effect of additives			

Evidence Reference: Give all your evidence a reference number and allocate the correct reference, which demonstrate the particular aspect of the syllabus. Please use the following for the reflective statement.

RS = Reflective Statement