

# FOOD SAFETY STATISTICS (JUL-DEC 2020)

Overall, the vast majority of sampling and inspections pass SFA's standards. Nevertheless, as food safety requires the joint effort of the Government, food industry, and consumers, we advise everyone to ensure good food safety practices at all times.

## Imports

Import consignments sampled and tested (JUL 2020 to DEC 2020)

Type of food / commodity	Consignments sampled and tested	Number of consignments that failed testing	% of consignments that passed SFA's standards
Meat and meat products	5251	90	98.29
Seafood products	1061	19	98.21
Processed eggs	542	2	99.63
Chicken and quail eggs	717	14	98.05
Fruits & vegetables	7545	971	87.13
Processed food	1482	93	93.72

Sample failures were due to various parameters exceeding allowable limits, such as:

- i. Microbiological (e.g. *Salmonella* spp., *Escherichia coli*, *Vibrio cholerae* etc.)
- ii. Chemical (e.g. nicarbazin, sulphur dioxide, benzoic acid, cadmium etc.)
- iii. Pesticides residues (e.g. Dithiocarbamates, Organophosphates etc.)

## Local establishments

Inspections (JUL 2020 to DEC 2020)

Type of establishments	Inspections conducted	Number of inspections detected with non-compliance	% of inspections that passed SFA's requirements
Farms	1741	1	99.94
Non-retail	2888	107	96.30
Retail	32,975	1373	95.84

Note: The non-compliances detected include poor housekeeping and upkeep of the premises, poor maintenance of the equipment and pest infestation.

## Major Gastroenteritis Incidents

Number of incidents (JUL 2020 to DEC 2020)

<b>Foodborne causes</b>	<b>Not foodborne causes (Likely person-to-person transmission/via contaminated surfaces)</b>	<b>Inconclusive</b>	<b>Pending conclusion</b>	<b>Total</b>
2	0	0	5	7

*Figures updated as of 31 Jan 2021*

## Food recalls (JUL 2020 to DEC 2020)

<b>Reason for recalls</b>	<b>Number of recalls</b>
Allergen	3
Chemical	1
Microbial	3
Physical	0
Total	7

Footnote:

Allergen - Undeclared allergens such as peanut, fish and gluten

Chemical – Arsenic

Microbial – *Salmonella* Enteritidis, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus cereus*

Physical - Foreign matters