



Food hygiene information scheme

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Pilot Food Hygiene Information Scheme

Allowing you to see the results of
food businesses' hygiene inspections

A new scheme is being piloted in your area by your local authority and the Food Standards Agency Scotland, which means that it's now easier to see how well food businesses have done in their food hygiene inspections.



What is this new scheme?

The Food Hygiene Information Scheme is being run in Perth and parts of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Fife and Renfrewshire and applies to all premises supplying food to the public in the pilot areas.

It was developed and implemented in Scotland by the Food Standards Agency Scotland with the support and backing of consumer organisations, industry and your local authority.

Around 3,000 establishments are taking part in the pilot and from 6 November 2006, they will be asked to display certificates prominently on the door or window of the premises, which show how well they did in their hygiene inspections. These certificates will say 'Pass' or 'Improvement Required'.

New businesses will be able to have an "Awaiting Inspection" certificate on display. Not only can you keep an eye out for the certificates, but the scheme's information will also be accessible through the internet.

Why has it been launched?

This scheme is designed to improve consumer confidence, give you clear information and help you make informed choices.

The Freedom of Information legislation, along with stakeholder discussions, has prompted the Food Standards Agency to consider developing a UK-wide initiative to help

people make informed choices using easily accessible information about hygiene inspections.

The Food Standards Agency's Scottish Consumer Attitudes Survey 2005 showed that many respondents were concerned about hygiene standards in food outlets.

In fact, a recent survey has shown that 69% of businesses surveyed in the UK thought it would motivate them to improve hygiene standards even more.

Does it guarantee I won't get food poisoning?

A pass indicates the outlet had appropriate food hygiene measures in place. However, as so many factors can contribute to food poisoning, there cannot be an absolute guarantee.

How long will the pilot run for?

The pilot will run for up to two years.

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