



Our Ref: ATIC2591

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{By Email}

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Dear [Redacted]

**PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about egg marketing inspections, which APHA received on 12 November 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Under FOI regs, I request the below information for the following period - July 2019 till the present day - please:

1, The number of inspections carried out by egg marketing inspectors in England, broken down into type of premises eg egg producers, egg packers (and wholesalers if applicable).”

**Number of inspections carried out in England 01/07/2019 - 30/09/2021**

Packer	Wholesale	Producer
2901	3457	3351

“2, The number of inspections - broken down by type of premises eg producers, packers (and wholesalers if applicable) - that found non-compliances / breaches of regulations.”

**Number of Non-Compliant inspections in England 01/07/2019 - 30/09/2021**

Packer	Wholesale	Producer
615	907	483

“3, For each of the above, details of the non-compliances / breaches of regulations found (please supply in spreadsheet form if possible).”

**Number of contraventions by category heading in England 01/07/2019 - 30/09/2021**

	<b>Packer</b>	<b>Wholesale</b>	<b>Producer</b>
Equipment	30	0	1
Hygiene	10	2	99
Labelling	71	92	7
Marking Eggs	22	41	0
Packaging	4	3	0
NCP Penalty Notice	0	0	91
Premises	5	8	25
Egg Quality	532	938	0
Records	35	6	127
Egg Weight	25	4	0
Welfare	0	0	351
<b>Total</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>701</b>

“4, The number of penalty notices and warning letters issued to egg producers, egg packers (and wholesalers if applicable) and what non-compliances / breaches they related to.”

Twenty nine warning letters have been issued for marketing eggs as Class A for human consumption from flocks of unknown disease status/salmonella. Please see table above in answer to question 3 for non compliances/breaches they relate to.

“5, Any other enforcement action taken as a result of non compliances / breaches found in these periods, eg referrals to DEFRA investigations unit”

There were 16 Defra Investigation Services referrals in total (5 for non-payment of penalty notices for marketing eggs as Class A for human consumption from flocks of unknown disease status/salmonella) and 11 referrals for a range of potential offences i.e. quality, marketing standards, labelling.

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Yours sincerely

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