

Annex A

Request

In 2016 how many DNA tests were conducted on food products for fish species identification? How many of these came back with unsatisfactory results? Please give details of these unsatisfactory results including product/brand/manufacturer of the product, the species it was supposed to be and the quantity and species of the detected fish or other foodstuff.

Response

In response to your request, the information has been extracted from the United Kingdom Food Surveillance System (UKFSS) where available, which is jointly owned by the FSA and Food Standards Scotland. Between January 2016 and October 2016, local authorities in the United Kingdom carried out **481 tests** for fish identification on **266 samples**. Of these, **18 samples** came back with unsatisfactory results. The details of the unsatisfactory results are in the table below. Some brand names and manufacturers were not available on UKFSS database as the information was not entered when the samples were taken, therefore we cannot provide you with this information. These are denoted by 'N/A' in the table.

You may also wish to know that some of the samples were taken from restaurants/catering and are not considered as the primary producers/manufacturers. As above, details of the manufacturer were not available on the database therefore we cannot provide you with the information.

Regarding the smoked cod in the table which has been withheld under s43(2), we were advised that the unsatisfactory result was due to human error on the part of the manufacturer. The relevant Local Authority reviewed the matter as well as the company's procedures and was satisfied with the procedures and measures in place to ensure that such an occurrence would not happen again.

SAMPLE NO	Food Description	BRAND NAME	MANUFACTURER	Comment	Quantity
52000280089	COOKED HADDOCK IN BATTER	N/A	NOT KNOWN	Gadus morhua (cod)	N/A
77600464802	HADDOCK	N/A	N/A	Whiting	N/A
55900200152	FISH	NONE	N/A	Pangasius	N/A
79100050077	WHITING	WHITING	N/A	Haddock	N/A
79100050074	HADDOCK	HADDOCK	N/A	Atlantic Cod	N/A
322HQINET0099238	HADDOCK AND CHIPS	N/A	N/A	Gadus morhua (cod)	N/A
40700070323	MONKFISH MOSALLA	N/A	N/A	Not Identified	N/A
40700070318	MONKFISH SPECIAL	N/A	N/A	Coley	N/A
208HQ08040003717	FISH BHUNA, BONELESS FILLET OF BUAL FISH COOKED WITH ONIONS, TOMATO ES AND FRESH HERBS	N/A	N/A	River Cobbler	N/A
81300091901	SMOKED COD	SMOKED COD	[S43(2)]	Melanogrammus aeglefinus (haddock)	N/A
20800120005	MALIBU MAHI DELIGHT BBQ FISHINCOCNUT SAUCE	N/A	N/A	Mixture of mahi and swordfish	N/A
52300210002	DRIED FISH	N/A	N/A	Shrimp rather than crayfish	N/A

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208HQ08040003730	TANDOORI BARRACUDA MASSALLA	N/A	N/A	Unidentified	N/A
208HQ08040003732	TILAPIA UREEBISI	N/A	N/A	River Cobbler	N/A
208HQ08040003731	BENGAL KINGFISH	N/A	N/A	Unidentified	N/A
77600468290	COD IN GINGER	N/A	N/A	Coley	N/A
29600090764	SMOKED HADDOCK	N/A	N/A	Coley	N/A
77600467349	COD IN GINGER	N/A	N/A	Coley	N/A

N/A = Not Available