

Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2022

Annual Report of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland under the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014

In Ireland, whistleblowing is more formally known as “making a protected disclosure”. If you have observed wrong-doing in a food business where you work, you can [report the problem](#).

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) has [developed guidance](#) for person(s) who wish to make a protected disclosure to it on any matter relating to its functions regarding the application of food safety legislation. Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 requires the publication of an annual report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and any actions taken in response to such disclosures.

Under this legislation, the Chief Executive Officer of the FSAI is the prescribed recipient of disclosures of relevant wrongdoings in respect of all matters relating to the regulation, enforcement and monitoring of food safety in the state under the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act 1998. Sixteen protected disclosures were made to the FSAI from employees or former employees of food businesses between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022. All protected disclosures made to the FSAI were fully investigated. Where appropriate, enforcement action was taken under the provisions of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 or other food legislation.

No protected disclosures were made by employees of the FSAI in 2022.