Dated this 1st day of April 2022

Service Contract Between

THE FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND

- and -

THE STATE LABORATORY

THIS SERVICE CONTRACT is made this 1st day of April 2022 BETWEEN

THE FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND, established in Ireland pursuant to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, l998 (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") having its principal place of business at The Exchange, George's Dock, Irish Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1 and **THE STATE LABORATORY** having its principal place of business at Backweston Laboratory Campus Celbridge Co. Kildare

1. **Interpretation**

In this Service Contract, unless the context otherwise requires -

"**Act**" means the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, l998 [No. 29 of 1998] as amended;

"**Authority**" means the Food Safety Authority of Ireland;

"**Official Agency"** means the State Laboratory;

"Commencement Date" means the 1st day of April 2022.

"**Food Legislation**" means the Food Legislation set out in Schedule 1 of this Service Contract;

2. The Authority is the Competent Authority responsible for the enforcement of all food legislation. The Official Agency, carrying out functions under this Service Contract, shall be acting on behalf of and as an agent for the Authority.

3. For the purposes of section 48(5) of the Act, this Service Contract shall be in force for a period from the commencement date until the 31st of March 2027. The Service Contract may be subject to review, modification or amendment, and may be extended by agreement.

4. In accordance with section 11 (2) of the Act, and in order to ensure the safety of food, the Official Agency will consider all aspects of the food production chain in so far as it relates to food safety within the meaning of the Act.

5. For the purposes of section 11 of the Act, it is agreed that the Official Agency shall carry out in its functional area on behalf of and as an agent for the Authority the following –

(a) the determination of compliance with food legislation by means of sampling and analysis of food, including food ingredients.

6. For the purposes of section 48(3) of the Act, and having had regard to the resources available to the Official Agency, the Authority has specified the following matters to the Official Agency, and the Official Agency has agreed to those matters:-

(a) The objectives and targets for food sampling and analysis it wishes the Official Agency to meet, and the timeframe for achieving those targets and objectives, and

(b) Any other matters which the Authority considers necessary.

The matters referred to in (a) and (b) are set out in Schedule 2 of this service contract.

7. The Official Agency has indicated to the Authority that, for the purposes of section 48(4)
of the Act, the means by which it proposes to meet the matters specified by the Authority
in Schedule 2 of this Service Contract are those set out in Schedule 3 of this Service Contract.
The Official Agency agrees to collect data and report to the Authority in the form set out in Schedule 4.

8. In accordance with the provisions laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017, in so far as a task or function comes within Section 46 of the Act, the Official Agency may delegate a task or function to a third party subject to the agreement of the Authority.

9. Without prejudice to the provisions of food legislation, the activities to be undertaken on behalf of the Authority shall be directed towards bringing about a general acceptance amongst producers, manufacturers, distributors of the principle that, in respect of any food placed on the market, the primary responsibility for the safety and suitability of the food for human consumption is borne by them individually or, as appropriate, collectively and as a consequence, each of the persons mentioned shall take all reasonable steps to ensure, in so far as that person is concerned, the safety and hygienic standard of that food.

10. The Authority and the Official Agency agree to review and amend this contract in the event of changing circumstances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Authority and the State Laboratory have caused their respective Seals to be affixed hereto on the date first above written.

PRESENT when the Official Seal of

THE FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND
was affixed hereto by:-

Dr Pamela Byrne, Chief Executive Officer

PRESENT when the Official Seal of

THE STATE LABORATORY was affixed hereto by:-

Ms. Ita Kinahan, State Chemist
a person duly authorised by the State Laboratory in that behalf:-

SCHEDULE 1

List of the food legislation contained in the First Schedule to the Act for which the Official Agency has responsibility.

Duties and responsibilities for food safety activities for the Official Agency will derive from the following list of legislation in so far as that legislation relates to Section 46 of the Act.

When the Minster for Health makes an order amending the First Schedule of the Act, or any Act passed by the Oireachtas or any statutory instrument made thereunder or regulation made under the European Communities Act, 1972, which is deemed to be food legislation for the purposes of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998, the new legislation may be inserted by the Authority into this Schedule.

A reference to an enactment (including any instruments made thereunder) shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, adapted, extended or replaced by or under any subsequent enactment, including the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998.

A reference to a statutory instrument shall be construed as a reference to that instrument as amended, adapted, extended or replaced by any subsequent statutory instrument.

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FOOD LEGISLATION	Acts and Statutory Instruments (where applicable)
1. General	
Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act 1998	No. 29 of 1998 S.I. No. 184 of 2000 S.I. No. 580 of 2002 S.I. No. 735 of 2003 S.I. No. 210 of 2004 S.I. No. 827 of 2005 S.I. No. 320 of 2006 S.I. No. 839 of 2007 S.I. No. 494 of 2010 S.I. No. 724 of 2011 S.I. No. 346 of 2012 S.I. No. 390 of 2014 S.I. No. 107 of 2017 S.I. No. 568 of 2018 S.I. No. 173 of 2020 S.I. No. 152 of 2021 S.I. No. 543 of 2021
District Court (Food Safety) Rules 2004	S.I. No. 700 of 2004
2. Food Information	

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EU (Provision of Food Information to Consumers) Regulations, 2014 & 2016	S.I. No. 556 of 2014 S.I. No. 389 of 2016 S.I. No. 559 of 2016
3. General Food Law	
E.C. (General Food Law) Regulations 2007 to 2013	S.I. No. 747 of 2007 S.I. No. 498 of 2010 S.I. No. 500 of 2011 S.I. No. 473 of 2012 S.I. No. 383 of 2013
4. Official Controls Regulations	
European Union (Official Controls in relation to Food Legislation) Regulations 2020	S.I. No. 79 of 2020
Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council, on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products (as amended).	
5. Animal Remedies	
Animal Remedies Act, 1993 (Other than Section 4-5)	No. 23 of 1993
European Communities (Control of Animal Remedies and their Residues) Regulations, 2009 (excluding Regulations 3, 8, 9-12, 16, 20 and 26)	S.I. No. 183 of 2009 S.I. No. 263 of 2012
6. Residues and Veterinary Medicinal Products	
Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2090 of 19 June 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/ of the European Parliament and Council regarding cases of suspected or established non-compliance with Union rules applicable to the use or residues of pharmacologically active substances authorised in veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives or with Union rules applicable to the use or residues of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances.	
Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council.	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/880 of 23 May 2017 laying down rules on the use of a maximum residue limit established for a pharmacologically active substance in a particular foodstuff for another foodstuff derived from the same species and a maximum residue limit established for a pharmacologically active substance in one or more species for other species, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 of 22 December 2009 on pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding maximum residue limits in foodstuffs of animal origin	
Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stock farming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of ß-agonists, and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC	
Directive 2003/74/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 amending Council Directive 96/22/EC concerning the prohibition on the use in stock farming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of beta-agonists	

FOOD LEGISLATION	Acts and Statutory Instruments (where applicable)
Directive 2008/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 amending Council Directive 96/22/EC concerning the prohibition on the use in stock farming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of beta-agonists	
Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808 of 22 March 2021 on the performance of analytical methods for residues of pharmacologically active substances used in food-producing animals and on the interpretation of results as well as on the methods to be used for sampling and repealing Decisions 2002/657/EC and 98/179/EC	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/810 of 20 May 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808 as regards transitional provisions for certain substances listed in Annex II to Decision 2002/657/EC	
7. Flavourings	
European Communities (Flavorings for use in foodstuffs for human consumption) Regulations, 1992	S.I. No. 22 of 1992
Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the 16 December 2008 on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91, Regulations (EC) No 2232/96 and (EC) No 110/2008 and Directive 2000/13/EC as amended.	
Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003 of the 10 November 2003 on smoke flavourings used or intended for use in or on foods as amended	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 627/2006 of 21 April 2006 implementing Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards quality criteria for validated analytical methods for sampling, identification and characterisation of primary smoke product	
Regulation (EC) No 596/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1321/2013 of 10 December 2013 establishing the Union list of authorised smoke flavouring primary products for use as such in or on foods and/or for the production of derived smoke flavourings	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 872/2012 of 1 October 2012 adopting the list of flavouring substances provided for by Regulation (EC) No 2232/96 of the European Parliament and of the Council, introducing it in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 1565/2000 and Commission Decision 1999/217/EC	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 873/2012 of 1 October 2012 on transitional measures concerning the Union list of flavourings and source materials set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 545/2013 of 14 June 2013 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the flavouring substance 3-acetyl-2,5-dimethylthiophene	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 985/2013 of 14 October 2013 amending and	

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correcting Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 246/2014 of 13 March 2014 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1098/2014 of 17 October 2014 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/648 of 24 April 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of the flavouring substance of N-Ethyl (2E,6Z)-nonadienamide	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1102 of 8 July 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1760 of 1 October 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of the flavouring substance p-mentha-1,8-dien-7-al	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards inclusion of gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine in the Union list of flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/55 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/178 of 10 February 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/637 of 22 April 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/692 of 4 May 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1244 of 28 July 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances from a group related with an alpha beta unsaturation structure	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/378 of 3 March 2017 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1250 of 11 July 2017 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of the flavouring substance 4,5-epoxydec-2(trans)-enal	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/678 of 3 May 2018 amending and correcting Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances	

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1246 of 18 September 2018 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the inclusion of pyroligneous distillate in the Union list of flavourings	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1259 of 20 September 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 873/2012 on transitional measures concerning the Union list of flavourings and source materials set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the extension of the transition period of Article 4 concerning the flavouring 'grill flavour concentrate (vegetable)' FL No 21.002	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1482 of 4 October 2018 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards caffeine and theobromine	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1649 of 5 November 2018 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/36 of 10 January 2019 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the substance N-(2-methylcyclohexyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzamide	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/799 of 17 May 2019 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the removal from the Union list of the flavouring substance furan-2(5H)-one	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1681 of 12 November 2020 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No. 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances	
8. Food Additives	
European Union (Food Additives) Regulations 2015 & 2016	S.I. No. 330 of 2015 S.I. No. 484 of 2016
European Communities (Suspending the Placing on the Market, the Importation and the Use in Manufacture of Jelly Confectionary containing the Food Additive E425 Konjac) Regulations 2002	S.I. No. 442 of 2002
Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain and amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 2065/2003, (EC) No 1935/2004, (EC) No 1331/2008, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) 2015/2283 and Directive 2001/18/EC	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1819 of 2 December 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of colours in salmon substitutes	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1419 of 7 October 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of ascorbic acid (E 300) and citric acid (E 330) on white vegetables intended for further processing	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/355 of 26 February 2020 amending Annex	

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II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) in liquid vegetable oil emulsions	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/351 of 28 February 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of citric acid (E 330) in cocoa and chocolate products	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/279 of 27 February 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of soybean hemicellulose (E 426)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/268 of 26 February 2020 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sorbic acid (E 200) in liquid colour preparations for the decorative colouring of egg shells	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1676 of 7 October 2019 correcting certain language versions of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/891 of 28 May 2019 amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the functional class of 'stabilisers' and the use of ferrous lactate (E 585) on the mushroom Albatrellus ovinus as a food ingredient in Swedish liver pâtés	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/801 of 17 May 2019 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 471) on certain fresh fruits	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/800 of 17 May 2019 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the extension of the use of carminic acid, carmine (E 120) in certain meat products traditional in French Overseas Territories	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1497 of 8 October 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards food category 17 and the use of food additives in food supplements	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1472 of 28 September 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards Cochineal, Carminic acid, Carmines (E 120)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1461 of 28 September 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of Low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (L-HPC) in food supplements	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/682 of 4 May 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) in emulsified sauces	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/677 of 3 May 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Thaumatin (E 957) as a flavour enhancer in certain food categories	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/627 of 20 April 2018 correcting certain language versions of Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European	

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Parliament and of the Council on food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/97 of 22 January 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sweeteners in fine bakery wares	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/74 of 17 January 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of phosphoric acid — phosphates — di-, tri- and polyphosphates (E 338-452) in frozen vertical meat spits	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1399 of 28 July 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards potassium polyaspartate	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1271 of 14 July 2017 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of use of silicon dioxide (E 551) in potassium nitrate	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1270 of 14 July 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of potassium carbonate (E 501) on peeled, cut and shredded fruit and vegetables	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/871 of 22 May 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of phosphoric acid — phosphates — di — tri — and polyphosphates (E 338-452) in certain meat preparations	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/839 of 17 May 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of nitrites (E 249-250) in ‘golonka peklowana’	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/335 of 27 February 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of steviol glycosides (E 960) as a sweetener in certain energy-reduced confectionery products	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1776 of 6 October 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sucralose (E 955) as a flavour enhancer in chewing gum with added sugars or polyols	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/691 of 4 May 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of food additives in edible caseinates	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/683 of 2 May 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of propionic acid — propionates (E 280-283) in tortillas	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/479 of 1 April 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of steviol glycosides (E 960) as a sweetener in certain energy-reduced or with no added sugars beverages	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/441 of 23 March 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Steviol glycosides (E 960) as a sweetener in mustard	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/324 of 7 March 2016 amending and correcting Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain food additives	

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permitted in all categories of foods	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/263 of 25 February 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the title of the food category 12.3 Vinegars	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/56 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of extracts of rosemary (E 392) in spreadable fats	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1832 of 12 October 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Erythritol (E 968) as a flavour enhancer in energy-reduced or with no added sugars flavoured drinks	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1739 of 28 September 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of the iron tartrate as an anti-caking agent in salt and its substitutes	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1378 of 11 August 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of riboflavins (E 101) and carotenes (E 160a) in dried potato granules and flakes	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1362 of 6 August 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of silicon dioxide (E 551) in extracts of rosemary (E 392)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/649 of 24 April 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of L-leucine as a carrier for table-top sweeteners in tablets	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/647 of 24 April 2015 amending and correcting Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/639 of 23 April 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of silicon dioxide (E 551) in polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-co-polymer (E 1209)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/538 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of benzoic acid — benzoates (E 210-213) in cooked shrimps in brine	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/537 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of aluminium lakes of cochineal, carminic acid, carmines (E 120) in dietary foods for special medical purposes	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1093/2014 of 16 October 2014 amending and correcting Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain colours in flavoured ripened cheese	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1092/2014 of 16 October 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sweeteners in certain fruit or vegetable spreads	

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Commission Regulation (EU) No 1084/2014 of 15 October 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of diphosphates (E 450) as a raising agent and acidity regulator in prepared yeast based doughs	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 969/2014 of 12 September 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Calcium ascorbate (E 302) and Sodium alginate (E 401) in certain unprocessed fruit and vegetables	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 957/2014 of 10 September 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the removal of montan acid esters (E 912)	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 923/2014 of 25 August 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of aluminium lakes of riboflavins (E 101) and cochineal, carminic acid, carmines (E 120) in certain food categories and Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the specifications for riboflavins (E 101)	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 685/2014 of 20 June 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-co-polymer in solid food supplements	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 601/2014 of 4 June 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the food categories of meat and the use of certain food additives in meat preparations	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 506/2014 of 15 May 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards Ethyl lauroyl arginate as a preservative in certain heat-treated meat products	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 505/2014 of 15 May 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of caramel colours (E 150a-d) in beer and malt beverages	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 497/2014 of 14 May 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of Advantame as a sweetener	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 298/2014 of 21 March 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards Magnesium dihydrogen diphosphate for use as raising agent and acidity regulator	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 264/2014 of 14 March 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyvinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer in solid food supplements and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards its specifications	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 59/2014 of 23 January 2014 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sulphur dioxide — sulphites (E 220-228) in	

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aromatised wine-based products	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1274/2013 of 6 December 2013 amending and correcting Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards certain food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1069/2013 of 30 October 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sodium phosphates (E 339) in natural casings for sausages	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1068/2013 of 30 October 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of diphosphates (E 450), triphosphates (E 451) and polyphosphates (E 452) in wet salted fish	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 913/2013 of 23 September 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sweeteners in certain fruit or vegetable spreads	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 818/2013 of 28 August 2013 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) in flavourings for water based clear flavoured drinks	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 817/2013 of 28 August 2013 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards Octenyl succinic acid modified gum arabic	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 816/2013 of 28 August 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Neutral methacrylate copolymer and Anionic methacrylate copolymer in solid food supplements and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the specifications for Basic methacrylate copolymer (E 1205), Neutral methacrylate copolymer and Anionic methacrylate copolymer	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 739/2013 of 30 July 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Stigmasterol-rich plant sterols as a stabiliser in ready-to-freeze alcoholic cocktails, and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards specifications for Stigmasterol-rich plant sterols food additive	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 738/2013 of 30 July 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain additives in seaweed based fish roe analogues	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 723/2013 of 26 July 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of extracts of rosemary (E 392) in certain low fat meat and fish products	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 510/2013 of 3 June 2013 amending Annexes I, II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of iron oxides and hydroxides (E 172), hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (E 464) and polysorbates (E 432-436) for marking of certain fruits	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 509/2013 of 3 June 2013 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the	

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Council as regards the use of several additives in certain alcoholic beverages	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 438/2013 of 13 May 2013 amending and correcting Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 256/2013 of 20 March 2013 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Sodium ascorbate (E 301) in vitamin D preparations intended for use in foods for infants and young children	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 244/2013 of 19 March 2013 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Tricalcium phosphate (E 341 (iii)) in nutrient preparations intended for use in foods for infants and young children	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 25/2013 of 16 January 2013 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the food additive potassium diacetate	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1166/2012 of 7 December 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of dimethyl dicarbonate (E 242) in certain alcoholic drinks	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1149/2012 of 4 December 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of extracts of rosemary (E 392) in fillings of stuffed dry pasta	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1148/2012 of 4 December 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sulphur dioxide — sulphites (E 220-228) and propane-1, 2-diol alginate (E 405) in fermented grape must-based drinks	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1147/2012 of 4 December 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of beeswax (E 901), carnauba wax (E 903), shellac (E 904) and microcrystalline wax (E 905) on certain fruits	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1057/2012 of 12 November 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of dimethyl polysiloxane (E 900) as an anti-foaming agent in food supplements	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1049/2012 of 8 November 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyglycitol syrup in several food categories	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 675/2012 of 23 July 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Talc (E 553b) and Carnauba wax (E 903) on unpeeled coloured boiled eggs and the use of Shellac (E 904) on unpeeled boiled eggs	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 583/2012 of 2 July 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polysorbates (E 432-436) in coconut milk	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 570/2012 of 28 June 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of benzoic acid — benzoates (E 210-213) in alcohol-free counterparts of wine	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 472/2012 of 4 June 2012 amending Annex	

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II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of glycerol esters of wood rosins (E 445) for printing on hard-coated confectionery products	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 471/2012 of 4 June 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of lysozyme (E 1105) in beer	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 470/2012 of 4 June 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polydextrose (E 1200) in beer	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 380/2012 of 3 May 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the conditions of use and the use levels for aluminium-containing food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 232/2012 of 16 March 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the conditions of use and the use levels for Quinoline Yellow (E 104), Sunset Yellow FCF/Orange Yellow S (E 110) and Ponceau 4R, Cochineal Red A (E 124)	
ommission Regulation (EU) No 1131/2011 of 11 November 2011 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to steviol glycosides	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1130/2011 of 11 November 2011 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives by establishing a Union list of food additives approved for use in food additives, food enzymes, food flavourings and nutrients	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1129/2011 of 11 November 2011 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a Union list of food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 238/2010 of 22 March 2010 amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the labelling requirement for beverages with more than 1,2 % by volume of alcohol and containing certain food colours	
Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/763 of 9 June 2020 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for tricalcium phosphate (E 341 (iii)).	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1481 of 4 October 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards octyl gallate (E 311) and dodecyl gallate (E 312)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1462 of 28 September 2018 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for certain sorbitan esters (E 491 Sorbitan monostearate, E 492 Sorbitan tristearate and E 495 Sorbitan monopalmitate)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/681 of 4 May 2018 amending the Annex	

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to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for Polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol graft-co-polymer (E 1209)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/98 of 22 January 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards calcium sorbate (E 203)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/75 of 17 January 2018 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for Microcrystalline cellulose (E460(i))	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/324 of 24 February 2017 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for Basic methacrylate copolymer (E 1205)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1814 of 13 October 2016 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for steviol glycosides (E 960)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1725 of 28 September 2015 amending Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for Ethyl lauroyl arginate (E 243)	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/463 of 19 March 2015 amending Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203)	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 966/2014 of 12 September 2014 amending Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for calcium propionate	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 724/2013 of 26 July 2013 amending Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards specifications on several polyols	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 497/2013 of 29 May 2013 amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1050/2012 of 8 November 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Polyglycitol syrup	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 of 9 March 2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1823 of 2 December 2020	

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amending Regulation (EU) No. 234/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings.	
9. Contaminants	
European Communities (Certain Contaminants in Foodstuffs) Regulations 2010-2021	S.I. No. 218 of 2010 S.I. No. 276 of 2012 S.I. No. 348 of 2012 S.I. No. 380 of 2013 S.I. No. 143 of 2014 S.I. No. 329 of 2016 S.I. No. 377 of 2017
European Union (Special Conditions Applicable to the Import of Guar Gum Originating in or Consigned from India due to Contamination Risks by Pentachlorophenol and Dioxins) Regulations 2015	S.I. No. 459 of 2015
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 of 19 December 2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1258/2011 of 2 December 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for nitrates in foodstuffs	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1259/2011 of 2 December 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non dioxin-like PCBs in foodstuffs	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1067/2013 of 30 October 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of the contaminants dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in liver of terrestrial animals	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/685 of 20 May 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of perchlorate in certain foods	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2040 of 11 December 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of pyrrolizidine alkaloids in certain foodstuffs.	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1322 of 23 September 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD), 3- MCPD fatty acid esters and glycidyl fatty acid esters in certain foods.	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1255 of 7 September 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in traditionally smoked meat and smoked meat products and traditionally smoked fish and smoked fishery products and establishing a maximum level of PAHs in powders of food of plant origin used for the preparation of beverages.	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1901 of 7 November 2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of citrinin in food supplements based on rice fermented with red yeast Monascus purpureus	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1870 of 7 November 2019 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of erucic acid and hydrocyanic acid in certain foodstuffs.	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1940 of 28 October 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of ergot sclerotia in certain unprocessed cereals and the provisions on monitoring and reporting.	

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1933 of 27 October 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in cocoa fibre, banana chips, food supplements, dried herbs and dried spices.	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1137 of 13 July 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards the maximum level of Ochratoxin A in Capsicum spp. spices	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1125 of 10 July 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in Katsuobushi (dried bonito) and certain smoked Baltic herring	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1006 of 25 June 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in foodstuffs	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/704 of 30 April 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards the maximum level of non-dioxin-like PCBs in wild caught spiny dogfish (Squalus acanthias)	
Commission Regulation (EU) No 1327/2014 of 12 December 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in traditionally smoked meat and meat products and traditionally smoked fish and fishery products	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 333/2007 of 28 March 2007 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the control of the levels of trace elements and processing contaminants in foodstuffs.	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 401/2006 of 23 February 2006 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of the levels of mycotoxins in foodstuffs.	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1882/2006 of 19 December 2006 laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of the levels of nitrates in certain foodstuffs.	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2093 of 29 November 2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 333/2007 as regards the analysis of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD) fatty acid esters, glycidyl fatty acid esters, perchlorate and acrylamide	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1237 of 7 July 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards a maximum level of hydrocyanic acid in unprocessed whole, ground, milled, cracked, chopped apricot kernels placed on the market for the final consumer	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/290 of 26 February 2018 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of glycidyl fatty acid esters in vegetable oils and fats, infant formula, follow-on formula and foods for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children	
Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/644 laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the control of levels of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin like PCBs in certain foodstuffs and repealing Regulation 589/2014.	
Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 519/2014 of 16 May 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No. 401/2006 as regards methods of sampling of large lots, spices and food supplements, performance criteria for T-2, HT-2 toxin and citrinin and screening methods of analysis.	
10. Food Supplements	
European Communities (Food Supplements) Regulations 2007 to 2018)	S.I. No. 506 of 2007 S.I. No. 355 of 2010

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	S.I. No. 282 of 2015 S.I. No. 225 of 2018
Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods	
Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements	
11. Novel Foods (Cannabinoids - CBD/THC)	
Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods, amending Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001.	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/443 of 25 March 2020 authorising the change of the specifications of the novel food spermidine-rich wheat germ extract (Triticum aestivum) under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/478 of 1 April 2020 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/484 of 2 April 2020 authorising the placing on the market of lacto-Ntetraose as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/500 of 6 April 2020 authorising the placing on the market of partially defatted chia seed (Salvia hispanica) powders as novel foods under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/916 of 1 July 2020 authorising the extension of use of xylooligosaccharides as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/973 of 6 July 2020 authorising a change of the conditions of use of the novel food 'protein extract from pig kidneys' and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1163 of 6 August 2020 authorising the placing on the market of vitamin D2 mushroom powder as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1559 of 26 October 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1634 of 4 November 2020 authorising the placing on the market of sugars obtained from cocoa (Theobroma cacao L.) pulp as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1772 of 26 November 2020	

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amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2469 laying down administrative and scientific requirements for applications referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1820 of 2 December 2020 authorising the placing on the market of dried Euglena gracilis as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1821 of 2 December 2020 authorising the placing on the market of an extract from Panax notoginseng and Astragalus membranaceus as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1822 of 2 December 2020 authorising the placing on the market of chromium-containing yeast (Yarrowia lipolytica) biomass as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1824 of 2 December 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2468 laying down administrative and scientific requirements concerning traditional foods from third countries in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1993 of 4 December 2020 authorising the placing on the market of selenium-containing yeast (Yarrowia lipolytica) biomass as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1032 of 20 July 2018 authorising the extension of use of oil from the micro algae Schizochytrium sp. as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1122 of 10 August 2018 authorising the placing on the market of pyrroloquinoline quinone disodium salt as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1123 of 10 August 2018 authorising the placing on the market of 1- methylnicotinamide chloride as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1132 of 13 August 2018 authorising the change of the designation and specific labelling requirement of the novel food synthetic zeaxanthin under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1133 of 13 August 2018 authorising the placing on the market of dried aerial parts of Hoodia parviflora as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU)	

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2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1293 of 26 September 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food lactitol	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1631 of 30 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of cranberry [173] 17 extract powder as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1632 of 30 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of bovine milk basic whey protein isolate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1633 of 30 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of refined shrimp peptide concentrate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1647 of 31 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of egg membrane hydrolysate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1648 of 29 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of xylooligosaccharides as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/108 of 24 January 2019 authorising the change of specifications of the novel food ingredient lipid extract from Antarctic Krill (Euphausia superba) under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/109 of 24 January 2019 authorising an extension of use of Schizochytrium sp. oil as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/110 of 24 January 2019 authorising an extension of use of Allanblackia seed oil as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/387 of 11 March 2019 authorising an extension of use of Schizochytrium sp. (ATCC PTA-9695) oil as a novel food and the change of the designation and of the specific labelling requirement of Schizochytrium sp. (ATCC PTA-9695) oil under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/388 of 11 March 2019 authorising the change of the specifications of the novel food 2′-fucosyllactose produced with Escherichia coli K12 under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission	

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Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/456 of 20 March 2019 authorising the change of the specifications of the novel food coriander seed oil from Coriandrum sativum under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/506 of 26 March 2019 authorising the placing on the market of D-ribose as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/760 of 13 May 2019 authorising the placing on the market of Yarrowia lipolytica yeast biomass as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1272 of 29 July 2019 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods and Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2078 authorising an extension of use of yeast beta-glucans as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1294 of 1 August 2019 authorising the placing on the market of betaine as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1314 of 2 August 2019 authorising the change of the specifications of the novel food Lacto-N-neotetraose produced with Escherichia coli K-12 under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1686 of 8 October 2019 authorising the extension of use of bovine milk basic whey protein isolate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1976 of 25 November 2019 authorising the placing on the market of Phenylcapsaicin as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1979 of 26 November 2019 authorising the placing on the market of 2'- Fucosyllactose/Difucosyllactose mixture as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2165 of 17 December 2019 authorising the change of the specifications of the novel food coriander seed oil from Coriandrum sativum under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods, amending Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission	

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Regulation (EC) No. 1852/2001	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2468 of 20 December 2017 laying down administrative and scientific requirements concerning traditional foods from third countries in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2469 of 20 December 2017 laying down administrative and scientific requirements for applications referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 of 20 December 2017 establishing the Union list of novel foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/456 of 19 March 2018 on the procedural steps of the consultation process for determination of novel food status in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/461 of 20 March 2018 authorising an extension of use of taxifolin-rich extract as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/462 of 20 March 2018 authorising an extension of use of L-ergothioneine as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/469 of 21 March 2018 authorising the placing on the market of an extract of three herbal roots (Cynanchum wilfordii Hemsley, Phlomis umbrosa Turcz. and Angelica gigas Nakai) as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/991 of 12 July 2018 authorising the placing on the market of hen egg white lysozyme hydrolysate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1018 of 18 July 2018 authorising an extension of use of UV-treated baker's yeast (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European [173] 53 Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1023 of 23 July 2018 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods	
12. Alcohol	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 2870/2000 of 19 December 2000 laying down Community reference methods for the analysis of spirits drinks	
Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of 15 January 2008, as amended, on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks	
Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of 17 April 2019 on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of	

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geographical indications for spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.	

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SCHEDULE 2

1. General Requirements

Section 1 outlines the objectives, targets and other matters relating to official controls and other official activities which the Authority has specified to the Official Agency.

Section 1 of this schedule applies to all areas of this service contract.

1.1 Introduction

The Official Agency will fulfil all obligations regarding food safety and authenticity (as an Official Laboratory and National Reference Laboratory) as agreed with the Authority from time to time. The Official Agency will work in partnership with the Authority and its other Official Agencies to enhance consumer protection and interests and to ensure effective official controls and other official activities.

Within this context the State Laboratory as an Official Agency of the Authority agrees to fulfil all obligations regarding food safety and authenticity testing, as may be agreed with the Authority.

The Official Agency shall work in partnership with the Authority and its other Official Agencies to enhance consumer protection and ensure a seamless inspection service. The Official Agency shall encourage its staff to engage in inter-agency activities such as:

(a) Sharing of scientific information.
(b) Provision of reasonable assistance as appropriate.
(c) Participation in cross-agency meetings.
(d) Inter-agency training.

1.2 Official Controls and Other Official Activities

The Official Agency will carry out official controls and other official activities on food products of non-animal origin and animal origin as appropriate to ensure compliance by food business operators with food legislation and by agreement with the Authority.

In the performance of official controls, the Official Agency shall comply with all of the relevant requirements of Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625.

The Authority acknowledges that the scope of the official controls and other official activities performed by the Official Agency is limited in scope to those being carried out within the competence and expertise of the Official Agency.

The Official Agency will work with the Authority to develop performance measures to ensure official controls are efficient, effective and are suitable to achieve the objectives of the relevant legislation.

The Official Agency agrees to collaborate with the Authority for the purpose of ensuring efficient and effective coordination between all official agencies involved in carrying out official controls and other official activities in Ireland.

The Official Agency must ensure that official control activities are carried out to a high level of transparency in accordance with article 11 of Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625. Relevant information held by the Official Agency must be made available concerning the organisation and the performance of those official controls.

The Official Agency shall, at least once a year, make available to the public and the Authority relevant information concerning the organisation and the performance of those official controls.

The relevant information on Official Controls may be provided, where appropriate, in the annual reports referred to in section 1.4 of Schedule 2 of the service contract.

The Official Agency shall put procedures in place to ensure any inaccuracies in information made available to the public are appropriately rectified and the Authority will be advised.

The Official Agency and the Authority must ensure that information acquired during official controls which by its nature is covered by 'professional secrecy in duly justified cases' is not disclosed to a third party. When the Official Laboratories are required by law or authorised by contractual arrangements to release confidential information, the customer or individual concerned shall, unless prohibited by law, be notified of the information provided.

Where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a food may present a risk to health the public must be informed to the fullest extent possible. In this instance, the Official Agency agrees to pass the relevant information to the Authority in order that appropriate steps are taken to publicise the matter.

1.3 Legislation

Duties and responsibilities for the performance of official controls and other official activities related to food, food safety, food integrity, protection of consumers interests and information for the Official Agency will derive from the legislation listed in Schedule 1. All staff involved in official controls and other official activities shall be provided with access to the legislation listed in Schedule 1.

1.4 Multi Annual National Control Plan for Ireland (MANCP).

The Official Agency shall have regard to the importance of achieving the aims of the Multi Annual National Control Plan for Ireland in accordance with Articles 41-44 of Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 and articles 109-111 of Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625, when in force.

The Official Agency shall collaborate with the Authority in reviewing and updating the MANCP for Ireland and in the preparation of the annual reports. By the 31st July each year the Official Agency shall provide the information and data for the MANCP in the format required by the Authority to meet the requirements of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/723.

1.5 Participation on Working Groups

The Official Agency will participate as agreed in Food Safety Authority of Ireland, inter-agency or expert working groups, or committees to: -

- Produce Guidance Notes and Codes of Practice.
- Evaluate implications of existing and proposed legislation.
- Evaluate relevant food safety/scientific information.
- Participate in the Food Fraud Task Force (or subgroup).
- Participate in a working group on official control data.

- Participate in other working groups as agreed.

- Produce other outputs as required.

The Authority and the Official Agency will establish objectives, terms of reference and timeframes for each working group.

1.6 Service Plan/Service Level Agreement

The Official Agency will prepare and send a Service Plan/Service Level Agreement (SLA) to the Authority from the relevant Official Agency Divisions by the end of the first quarter of each calendar year. The SLA will include details of official control testing, analysis and NRL activities to be carried out, to ensure delivery of service contract requirements, and compliance with the relevant legislation.

The content of the SLA will be reviewed by the Authority and the Official Agency at liaison meetings.

Note: Where SLAs are already in place between the Official Agency and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for residues analysis under the national residues monitoring programme, the provisions of clause 3.1 of Schedule 2 will apply.

1.7 Data collection, information and reporting

The Official Agency by agreement will collect data regarding official controls and other official activities carried out under this contract and share this data subject to the Data Protection Acts with the Authority as necessary. The Official Agency will provide reports and other information on official controls and other official activities under this contract to the Authority in the format and frequency agreed with the Authority annually, and in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Contract and the Multi Annual National Control Plan reporting requirements.

The Official Agency will respond in a timely fashion to data requests and for clarifications from the Authority.

Both the Authority and the Official Agency acknowledge each other's respective responsibilities under the Data Sharing and Governance Act, 2019 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of

personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "General Data Protection Regulation").

Specifically, the Authority and the Official Agency agree to share with each other their respective policies on the retention of personal data, data use, data sharing, and data reporting.

1.8 Information Systems

Where the Official Agency has computerised systems for, sampling, testing and analysis, data gathered will be transmitted electronically to the Authority's database in a format and at a frequency to be agreed annually with the Authority.

For all other areas of the Official Agency's food safety activities the Official Agency will aim to develop, in collaboration with the Authority, a computerised system, subject to resources. The Official Agency agrees to work with the Authority to progress within the period of this contract development in the following areas:

- Agree a standardised format for data transfer between the Official Agency laboratory IT systems and the FSAI national all-official agency systems in line with national & EU data standards.

- The revision of the National Sample Submission Form and its electronic capture.

- The standardisation of recording in LIMS of sub-contracted samples.

- The classification and description of samples taken by the Official Agency or analysed by them according to the FOODEX2 and overall SSD2 system.

The Official Agency will advise the Authority on its progress in meeting the aims of this Clause.

Note: Where data is generated under the national residue monitoring programme, results will continue to be provided to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the required SSD2 format as per clause 3.1 of Schedule 2.

1.9 Training and Continuing Professional Development

The Official Agency shall provide appropriate training for staff performing official controls enabling them to undertake their duties competently and to carry out official controls and other official activities in a consistent manner, in line with Article 5(4)(a) and Chapter I, Annex II of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

The Official Agency shall ensure that staff carrying out official controls, are kept up to date in their area of competence. The Official Agency shall ensure that any contractors used in the performance of the Service Contract provide evidence of appropriate training.

1.10 Out of Hours Emergency Service

The Official Agency shall provide official control services between 09:00 – 17:00 (Monday to Friday).

The Official Agency will also provide an emergency contact point outside of normal working hours to deal effectively with any emergency or crisis situations and including significant food safety incidents (as defined in the Authority's Code of Practice No. 5, and collectively referred to hereafter as "incidents").

Official control services outside of normal working hours will be agreed with the Official Agency and can be discussed at liaison meetings.

1.11 Contingency Planning

The Official Agency, in conjunction with the Authority, will ensure that there are contingency plans in place at appropriate levels for dealing with crises and incidents.

1.12 Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed

The Official Agency shall facilitate the operation of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed as required.

1.13 Investigation of Food Incidents

The Official Agency shall co-operate with the Authority, other Official Agencies and / or the Outbreak Control Team in the investigation of incidents and provide such information as requested by the Authority for the management of incidents, in a timely manner, and these can be reviewed at liaison meetings with the Authority.

1.14 Authenticity Surveillance, Intentional Violations of Food, and Integrity of the food supply chain

The Official Agency and the Authority will on an ongoing basis, and as required, agree a programme of proactive and reactive work relating to authenticity surveillance of food products and the agri-food chain.

These official controls can be used to verify:

- fair practices,
- the protection of consumer interests and information,
- the identification of intentional violations of food potentially perpetrated through fraudulent or deceptive practices,
- Appropriate safeguards to the safety and integrity of the food supply chain.

These activities will be carried out as may be required and by agreement with the Authority, insofar as they relate to the legislation in Schedule I, and in line with agreed procedures.

Official controls can also take into account:

- The use of products, processes, materials or substances that may influence food safety, integrity and wholesomeness of food.
- Any information indicating the likelihood that consumers might be misled, in particular as to the nature, identity, properties, composition, quantity, durability, country of origin or place of provenance, method of manufacture or production of food.
- The Official Agency agrees to collaborate with the FSAI and other Official Agencies/Competent Authorities, in support of the development and operation of the Central Intelligence Hub, with the provision/dissemination of relevant information, for the purpose of this service contract.

1.15 Complaints regarding the implementation of this Service Contract

The Official Agency shall provide information to the Authority on complaints regarding the implementation of this Service Contract. The Official Agency shall cooperate with the Authority in any investigation regarding these complaints.

1.16 Boundaries of the service

The Official Agency contracts for the provision of services within its remit. Where requested by the Authority, assistance may be provided to another Official Agency.

1.17 Food Complaints

Where the Official Agency is requested to provide analysis as part of the investigation of food complaints these shall be managed in a timely fashion and these can be reviewed at liaison meetings with the Authority.

1.18 Missions from the European Commission and/or other External Audits of Official Controls

The Authority and the Official Agency will cooperate with regard to Missions from the European Commission and/or other External Audits of Official Controls that are relevant to this service contract

1.19 Food Law Enforcement Policy

The Official Agency will have due regard to the FSAI's enforcement policy.

The Official Agency agrees to support enforcement activities carried out by FSAI or other official agencies and may be requested to provide expert testimony or advice as may be required on a case by case basis.

1.20 EU Official Control Activities

The Official Agency shall carry out control activities having regard to the EU Coordinated Control Programmes, European Food Safety Authority co-ordinated studies, and other studies coordinated by EU institutions and agencies, as agreed with the Authority.

1.21 Administrative assistance and co-operation

The Official Agency shall agree with the Authority the procedures for administrative assistance and co-operation required under Articles 102-108 of Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625, and include such activity in its Section 48(8) report to the Authority.

Requests for assistance made or received by the Official Agency under Title IV of Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625, where a risk to human health or a noncompliance with food law is identified or suspected, shall be notified to the Authority in a timely manner.

The Authority shall act as the contact point responsible for facilitating the exchange of communications between competent authorities in accordance with Articles 104 to 107 in all matters relating to food incidents or food fraud where a risk to human health, a possible noncompliance with food law or fraudulent or deceptive practices are suspected.

1.22 Additional Tasks

The Official Agency will participate in activities relating to food safety that may be agreed with the Authority, in collaboration with the Authority or other agencies as appropriate. The Official Agency will undertake tasks as agreed and provide results to the Authority.

2.0 FOOD SAFETY, AUTHENTICITY AND NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY SERVICES, SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

2.1 Introduction

The food safety, authenticity and National Reference Laboratory services provided by the Official Agency, are listed in Schedule 3.

Additional official control laboratory or National Reference Laboratory capability, capacity and expertise may be developed over the term of the service contract in response to new legislation or new areas in relation to food control and authenticity testing and analysis as appropriate, and by agreement with the Authority.

Food control services outside of normal working hours will be provided by the Official Agency by agreement and within resources to deal effectively with outbreaks and food incidents.

2.2 Scope of the National Reference Laboratory Activities

Members States are required to designate National Reference Laboratories in accordance with the requirements of article 100 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

The Minister for Health and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine designate laboratories in Ireland as National Reference Laboratories.

The Official Agency has been designated as a National Reference Laboratory for:

(a) Monitoring for Residues in food of animal origin

(b) Monitoring for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Food, including brominated, fluorinated and chlorinated POPs, Dioxins and PCBs

Additional NRL areas and activities may be developed over the duration of this service contract, as appropriate and by agreement with the Authority.

2.3 Scope of the Official Laboratory Activities

The Official Agency shall function as an 'Official laboratory' and shall comply with the relevant requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

The Official Agency shall co-operate with the relevant National Reference Laboratories for food testing in Ireland in the discharge of their functions under and as per agreed protocols with the Authority.

Additional official control methodologies and analytical capability may be developed over the duration of this service contract, as appropriate and by agreement with the Authority.

2.4 Sampling and analysis

The Official Agency, in consultation with the Authority, will prepare annual control programmes for each of the laboratory control areas.

The Official Agency shall agree annual national chemical testing plans with the Authority in the final quarter preceding the year to which they apply. The annual chemical testing plans will include analysis to determine compliance with food legislation.

Note: For testing carried out under the national residue monitoring programme, testing plans will continue to be agreed with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine as per clause 3.1 of Schedule 2.

Over the course of the service contract the Official Agency agrees to explore possibilities to develop capacity for sampling e.g. for surveys and similar chemical testing requests. The majority of sampling is however likely to come from other Official Agencies and/or FSAI.

Where samples are taken under this contract, the Official Agency shall ensure that these samples are taken as part of official controls and are sampled and analysed in accordance with legislative requirements.

2.5 Accreditation

The Official Agency will maintain accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025 for relevant analysis and test methods, which are currently included in its scope of accreditation and used for official controls in its National Reference Laboratories and official laboratories.

The Official Agency will keep the scope of accreditation under review and will work towards ensuring that core methods are accredited, and that the scope is expanded,

as resources permit, in line with the requirements of article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. The scope of accreditation of the official laboratory shall be in accordance with the requirements of Article 37(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

The Official Agency will seek accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025 for test methods used for official controls, which are not currently included in its scope of accreditation, in all cases where accreditation is deemed necessary.

The Official Agency will consider the views of the Authority regarding the scope of accreditation, in so far as it relates to activities in this Contract. Changes to the scope of accreditation will be discussed at liaison meetings.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625, derogations from accreditation may be granted by the Official Agency in consultation with the Authority where allowed for in Articles 40-42 of the regulation.

Where the Official Agency uses a method for official controls for which accreditation has not yet been obtained, the method must be included in the laboratory quality assurance system to ensure sound and reliable results from the use of the method for official control purposes.

In accordance with ISO/IEC 17025, the Official Agency will include, within its review procedures, reference to the current service contract with FSAI.

2.6 Turnaround Times

The Official Agency will ensure that turnaround times for samples taken as part of official controls allow efficient follow up of non-compliant samples and are in line with the requirements of Article 37(4)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. Turnaround times for routine analyses will be reviewed at liaison meetings.

2.7 Laboratory methods

Laboratories shall use methods that comply with the requirements of article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

2.8 Subcontracted testing

The Official Agency will ensure that external laboratories used for the analysis of official control samples are in compliance with relevant legislative requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and the accreditation of test methods to ISO/IEC

17025:2017. The official agency will inform FSAI of any proposed outsourcing or subcontracting of testing for the purpose of this contract which will be subject to agreement with FSAI.

Where the Official Agency subcontracts testing to another laboratory the Official Agency shall have a written agreement with the subcontracted laboratory detailing the services and standards to be provided in order to meet the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

2.9 Responsibilities and Tasks of the Official Agency as a National Reference Laboratory

The National Reference Laboratories shall for their area of competence fulfil the responsibilities and tasks in accordance with the requirements of Article 101 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and any delegated acts adopted thereunder and the agreed Guidelines for National Reference Laboratories and official laboratories.

1. Duties arise from Article 101 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625

(a) Collaborate with the European Union reference laboratories, and participate in training courses and in inter-laboratory comparative tests organised by these laboratories;

(b) Coordinate the activities of designated official laboratories with a view of harmonising and improving the methods of laboratory analysis, test or diagnosis and their use;

(c) Where appropriate, organise inter-laboratory comparative testing or proficiency tests between official laboratories, ensure an appropriate follow-up of such tests and inform the competent authorities of the results of such tests and follow-up;

(d) Ensure the dissemination to the competent authorities and official laboratories of information that the European Union reference laboratory supplies;

(e) Provide within the scope of their mission scientific and technical assistance to the competent authorities for the implementation of MANCPs and of coordinated control programmes;

(f) Where relevant, validate the reagents and lots of reagents, establish and maintain up-to-date lists of available reference substances and reagents and of manufacturers and suppliers of such substances and reagents;

(g) Where necessary, conduct training courses for the staff of official laboratories.

2. The Official Agency as an NRL, agrees to fulfil the requirements of Art. 100.3 of Reg. (EU) No. 2017/625:

(a) be impartial, free from any conflict of interests, and in particular not be in a situation which may, directly or indirectly, affect the impartiality of their professional conduct as regards the exercise of their tasks as national reference laboratories;

(b) have, or have contractual access to, suitably qualified staff with adequate training in analytical, testing and diagnostic techniques in their area of competence, and support staff as appropriate;

(c) possess, or have access to, the infrastructure, equipment and products needed to carry out the tasks assigned to them;

(d) ensure that their staff and any contractually engaged staff have good knowledge of international standards and practices and that the latest developments in research at national, Union and international level are taken into account in their work;

(e) be equipped with, or have access to, the necessary equipment to perform their tasks in emergency situations; and

(f) where relevant, be equipped to comply with relevant biosecurity standards.

2.10 Authority Support

The Authority will actively support the Official Agency in its various National Reference Laboratory roles.

3.0 CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Requests for developing chemical methods, sampling, analysis and reporting under this service contract will be discussed at liaison meetings between the Official Agency and the Authority. A plan for chemical testing will be developed in consultation with Official Agency for each year to include:

- The development and validation of analytical methods
- Analysis of samples
- Participation in surveys agreed with FSAI
- Additional testing as may be agreed from time to time

  The parameters will be agreed from the categories of substances described in this section.

3.1 Residues Analysis

In accordance with Council Directive 96/23/EC (and replacement delegated and implementing acts in accordance with article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625), when in force, the Official Agency shall fulfil all obligations regarding the national residues monitoring programme in accordance with the annual national residue control plan (NRCP) for Ireland.

The Official Agency agrees to continue to provide results of residue monitoring to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine as per the SLAs already agreed.

The range of parameters currently tested for are outlined in Table 1, Schedule 3 of the service contract. Additional parameters may be requested by DAFM as appropriate, following the annual review of the NRCP by the European Commission, EURLs, DAFM, and the Authority.

3.2 Analysis of Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

3.2.1 Polychlorinated Dibenzodioxins (PCDDS), Polychlorinated Dibenzo furans (PCDFS) and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBS)

The Official Agency agrees to develop and provide analytical testing over the course of the service contract and as agreed with the Authority, as part of the national dioxin

monitoring programme, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs (as amended).

The Official Agency agrees to develop and provide analytical testing over the course of the service contract and as agreed with the Authority, as part of the national dioxin monitoring programme and the co-ordinated control plan on contaminants when in force, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs (as amended).

This includes:

- The use of analytical methods in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/644 laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the control of levels of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin like PCBs in certain foodstuffs and repealing Regulation 589/2014.

- Analysis of samples submitted as part of the annual national dioxin monitoring programme and the co-ordinated control plan on contaminants when in force.

- Monitoring in accordance with Commission Recommendations and additional testing, as may be agreed from time to time subject to resources. This includes Commission Recommendation 2013/711/EU on the reduction of the presence of dioxins, furans and PCBs in feed and food, and Commission Recommendation 2006/794/EC on the monitoring of background levels of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin like PCBs in foodstuffs.

- Participation in Dioxin and PCB surveys agreed with FSAI.

3.2.2 Persistent organic pollutants

The Official Agency agrees to develop and provide analytical testing over the course of the service contract as part of the implementation of a national monitoring programme and in line with legislative requirements, of traces of the following substances in food and as agreed with the Authority, subject to resources.

- brominated flame retardants including Polybrominated diphenyl ethers in food in accordance with Commission Recommendation (2014/118/EU)

- perfluoralkylated substances (PFAS)

- other halogenated persistent organic pollutants, (i.e. not already covered above), in order to meet the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/192

3.3. Weight loss food and food supplements

The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide analysis of Weight loss food and food supplements for the presence of the following substances Sibutramine, Phenolphthalein, Sildenafil, Tadalafil, Fluoxetine, Orlistat and Lorcaserine. Additional testing requirements may be added by agreement with the Authority and the Official Agency.

- Anabolic androgenic steroids (AAS)
- Selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs)
- Other anabolic agents marketed as SARMs
- Products containing Anabolic Agents and Stimulants
- Stimulants (These could include psychoactive substances, such as amphetamines and its derivatives, as well as other substances including cocaine, caffeine and nicotine. For dietary supplements, some stimulants of concern include; ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, norephedrine, synephrine, 1,3-Dimethylamylamine (1,3-DMAA), 1,3-Dimetylbutylamine (1,3-DMBA) and 1,5-Dimethylhexylamine (1,5-DMHA)).
- Alpha Lipoic Acid
- Yohimbe (Pausinystalia Yohimbe (K. Schum) Pierre ex Beille)
- Synephrine and Caffeine Combination
- Hydroxyanthracene Deriviatives

3.4 Botanical weight loss supplements

The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide analysis of Botanical weight loss supplements for the presence of the following substances Sibutramine, Phenolphthalein, Sildenafil, Tadalafil, Fluoxetine, Orlistat and Lorcaserine. Additional testing requirements may be added by agreement with the Authority and the Official Agency.

3.5 Monitoring of Hemp products and Cannabidiol

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)

The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide methods of analysis for the monitoring of THC, its precursors and other cannabinoids in food of animal origin, hemp derived foods and foods containing hemp or hemp derived ingredients including cannabis oil type products.

Development of these methods and analysis would be over the term of the current service contract as agreed with the Authority.

3.6 Spirits and Counterfeit alcohol

The Official Agency has already developed methods covering the following specific areas and products. The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide analysis of spirit drinks as agreed with the Authority.

Spirits-adulteration, dilution, counterfeit, methanol, industrial alcohol.

Parameters to test include:

- Alcohol content
- Methanol
- Denaturants e.g. 2-Propanol, Propan-1-ol, 2-Methylpropan-1-ol, 3-methyl-1-butanol, 2(2Hydroxyethoxy) ethan-1-ol, 2-Methyl-1-butanol, 3-methyl-1-butanol, Ethyl Acetate, Propan-2-one, Ethane-1,2-diol…etc.
- Aldehydes
- Sugar marker – in Vodka only

- Conductivity

3.7 Organic Foods

The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide methods of analysis for the testing of Organic Foods for the presence/level of residues of veterinary medicines, as agreed with the Authority.

The Official Agency may be requested to fulfil an NRL role over the designated Organic Official Control Laboratories testing Organic Foods for the presence/level of residues of veterinary medicines, as agreed with the Authority.

3.8 Flavourings

The Official Agency may be requested to develop methods and provide analysis of flavourings over the course of the service contract and as agreed with the Authority. These are outlined below.

- **Annex III substances:**

e.g. (1-allyl-4-methoxybenzene (estragole), hydrocyanic acid, menthofuran, 4-allyl-1,2-dimethoxybenzene (methyleugenol), pulegone, quassin, 1-allyl-3,4-methylene dioxy benzene (safrole), teucrin A, and thujone (alpha and beta).

- **Smoke flavourings:**

  There are ten primary products and derived products thereof. These are listed in Regulation (EU) No 1321/2013 which established the European Union list of authorised smoke flavouring primary products for use as such in or on foods and/or for the production of derived smoke flavourings.

- **Annex I flavourings with restrictions of use:**

  e.g. rebaudioide A (FL no. 16.113), glyzhirrizic acid (and its ammoniated salt), ammonium chloride (FL no. 16.048), caffeine (FL no. 16.016), quinine (FL no. 14.011) and its several salts (FL no. 14.152 and 14.155), theobromine (FL no. 16.032), neohesperidin dihydrochalcone (FL no. 16.061), p-Mentha-1,8-dien-7-ol (FL-no: 02.060), Myrtenol, Deca-2,4-dien-1-ol (FL no. 02.139), Hepta-2,4-dien-1-ol (FL no. 02.153), Hexa-2,4-dien-1-ol (FL no. 02.162), Nona-2,4-dien-1-ol (FL no. 05.071), Hexa-2(trans),4(trans)- dienal (FL no. 05.057), Trideca-2(trans),4(cis),7(cis)-trienal (FL no. 05.064), Nona-2,4-dienal (FL no. 05.071), 2,4-Decadienal (FL no. 05.081), Hepta-2,4-dienal (FL no. 05.084), Penta-2,4-dienal (FL no. 05.101), Undeca-2,4-dienal (FL no. 05.108), Dodeca-2,4-dienal

(FL no. 05.125), Octa-2(trans),4(trans)-dienal (FL no. 05.127), Deca-2(trans),4(trans)-dienal (FL no. 05.140), Deca-2,4,7-trienal (FL no. 05.141), Nona-2,4,6-trienal (FL no. 05.173), 2,4-Octadienal (FL no. 05.186), tr-2, tr-4-Nonadienal (FL no. 05.194), tr-2, tr-4-Undecadienal (FL no. 05.196), Hexa-2,4-dienyl acetate (FL no. 09.573) and N-(2-methylcyclohexyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzamide (FL no. 16.119) and others including "other flavourings" i.e. pyroligneous distillate (FL 21.001), previously known as 'rum ether', as long as it remains authorised.

- **Flavouring substances in Annex I with no restrictions of use**

- **Flavouring preparations and other ingredients not subject to premarketing authorisation**

3.9 Food Additives

The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide analysis of food additives over the course of the service contract as agreed with the Authority.

3.9.1 Analysis of colours, sweeteners, antioxidants, preservatives, emulsifiers etc.

The Official Agency may be requested to develop capability and methodologies for testing of some of these additives e.g. natural colours, in order to meet the requirements of Commission Regulation (EC) 1333/2008, as may be agreed with the Authority.

3.9.2 Analysis of biocides, (e.g. chlorate)

The Official Agency may be requested to develop methods and provide analysis of these substances over the course of the service contract and as agreed with the Authority.

3.9.3 Allergen Testing

The Official Agency may be requested to develop methods for analysis of these substances over the course of the service contract and as agreed with the Authority.

3.9.4 Additional Considerations

Considerations could include determination of geographic origin, DNA analysis (meat), stable isotope and elemental analysis of foods, alcohol congener analysis (e.g. detection of industrial alcohols used in spirit manufacture), HTMS, FTIR, etc.

Methodologies could also be developed to detect the use of animal by-products in the food chain.

The Official Agency may be requested to develop and provide chemical testing in these areas over the course of the service contract and as agreed with the Authority.

4.0 MONITORING

4.1 Liaison

Liaison and review meetings shall be held according to an annual schedule developed by the authority, in consultation with the Official Agency.

The Official Agency shall nominate a person or persons to liaise with the Enforcement Policy Manager in the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

4.2 Access

The Official Agency carrying out functions under this service contract shall be acting on behalf of and as an agent for the Authority and will provide the Authority with access as required through the liaison link to the staff referred to in Schedule 3 and to all records, data and sites relevant to food safety duties. The Authority will provide Officers of the Official Agency access as required through the liaison link to records relevant to the Official Agency.

4.3 Review

The Authority will review the delivery of this Service Contract and provide feedback to the Official Agency.

The Official Agency will provide the Authority at quarterly intervals with updates on close out actions taken in response to findings of:

- The Authority's audits
- European Commission (SANTÉ F) and other external audits

These close out actions will also be reviewed at liaison meetings with the Authority.

4.4 Verification

The Authority will conduct audit activities to satisfy the requirements of Section 48(9) of the Act and in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Service Contract.

The Official Agency will provide details of any external audits of its service covered by the service contract.

SCHEDULE 3

The Means by which the Official Agency proposes to meet the matters specified in this Service Contract

The Official Agency will provide staff and necessary resources required to ensure delivery of service outputs/activity as outlined in Schedule 2.

Staffing Resource

(a) List of all staff involved for the purposes of this contract.

(b) List of Liaison Officer(s):-

The Official Agency will also submit to the Authority within the first quarter of each year, in the format outlined in the 48(8) Annual Report the personnel resources it proposes to deploy in the performance of the Service Contract

Table 1: National Reference Laboratory Services provided by the Official Agency

Matrix/parameter	Name / Address of NRL
Residues in food of animal origin: <u>Group A:</u> A 1 Stilbenes; A 3 Steroids; A 4 Resorcylic acid lactones including Zeranol A 6 Compounds included in Annex IV Council Reg. 2377/90 [Nitromidazoles, Chlorpromazine only] <u>Group B:</u> B 2 (d) Sedatives B 2 (e) Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) B 2 (f) Other Pharmacologically active substances [corticosteroids only]; B3 (d) Mycotoxins	The State Laboratory Backweston Campus Celbridge Co. Kildare Ireland
Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Food	

Table 2: Official Control Laboratory Services provided by the State Laboratory

Matrix/parameter	Name / Address of NRL
Official Control Laboratory Service may be expanded over the course of the service contract by agreement with the FSAI.	

SCHEDULE 4

Data Collection and Reporting

1. General Requirements for data collection and reporting

The Official Agency shall collect and store information generated from activities specified in Schedule 2. The data collected is to be maintained and all records are to be kept up to date.

An agreed dataset is to be electronically transferred to the Authority in an agreed format and via an agreed mechanism (subject to the Data Protection Acts). The Official Agency and the Authority will jointly develop a project to implement this arrangement.

The frequency of electronic transfer will be agreed with the Authority.

The format and content of the forms developed for this Schedule shall be developed and agreed with the Authority annually until the agreed dataset is transmitted electronically.

2. Resources

The Official Agency shall maintain a current electronic list of Liaison Officers for the purpose of the service contract. The list shall include names, contact addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for all Liaison Officers.

The Schedule 3 list shall be updated as changes arise and submitted to the Authority bi-annually.

3. Activities undertaken outside of returns outlined at 1.0 in Schedule 2

The Official Agency will record and submit to the Authority annually details of:

a) Participation on Food Safety Authority of Ireland, interagency and expert working groups and committees, and any other similar activity.
b) Continuing Professional Development undertaken by staff (as set out in paragraph 1.9 of Schedule 2).
c) Other food safety and authenticity activities as agreed.

SCHEDULE 5

Auditing of the Service Contract

1. Legal Basis

Audits by the Authority of Official Agency activities shall be carried out under the provisions of Section 48 (9) of the Act.

2. General Requirements

The Authority's audits will verify conformance by the Official Agency with the Service Contract official including controls and other official activities, food legislation and the relevant requirements of the Multi Annual National Control Plan for Ireland. The Authority will take cognisance of the work performed by the Official Agency Internal Audit Units in its audit programme.

Audits will be conducted in accordance with the Authority's Audit Charter and documented procedures and guidance where published by the EU Commission.

3. Audit Programmes

The Authority shall provide details of the audits it intends to carry out on the Official Agency's activities through the circulation of its Audit Programmes. The Authority's Audit Programmes shall be circulated at a minimum of every twelve months following the commencement of the contract.

4. Liaison

Liaison for the purpose of audit shall be through a representative(s) nominated by the Official Agency.

5. Access

The Authority's audit team shall have access to Official Agency premises, personnel, documents, records or other information relevant to official controls and other official activities and/or to the food business operations applicable to the audit.

6. Corrective Action

Where audit findings indicate deficiencies in the official controls and/or other official activities, a corrective action plan shall be developed by the Official Agency in liaison with the Authority.

The Authority will monitor implementation of the plan to ensure corrective action is adequate, appropriate and implemented in a timely manner. The Authority may, if it is deemed appropriate, verify closeout of findings through a supplementary audit.