

Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2020

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

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) has developed guidance for person(s) who wish to make a Protected Disclosure to the Authority on any matter relating to the functions of the Authority regarding the application of food safety legislation. The guidance can be accessed on the <u>FSAI website</u>.

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an Annual Report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and any actions taken in response to such disclosures.

Pursuant to this requirement, the FSAI confirms there were seven protected disclosures made to the Authority in from employees or former employees of the food industry for the calendar year from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020. All protected disclosures made to the FSAI were fully investigated. Where appropriate enforcement action was taken under the provisions of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act 1998 or other food legislation.

No disclosures were made by employees of the FSAI.