

Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2021

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 it on any matter relating to its functions 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 reports that there were 13 protected disclosures made to it from employees or former employees of food businesses for the calendar year from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. All protected disclosures made to the FSAI were fully investigated. Where appropriate, enforcement action was taken under the provisions of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Act, 1998 or other food legislation. No protected disclosures were made by employees of the FSAI.