Annex A

Request

In 2017 how many tests were conducted on food products for fish species identification?

How many of these came back with unsatisfactory results?
Please give details of these unsatisfactory results including
product/brand/manufacturer of the product, the species it was supposed to be
and the quantity and species of the detected fish or other foodstuffs.

Response

In 2017, 153 samples of food products were tested for fish species identification, of which 9 were unsatisfactory.

The table below details these 9 unsatisfactory samples. Of these 3 were non-fish foodstuffs tested for presence of and found to be contaminated with fish, and the remaining 6 were samples of fish found to be unsatisfactory due to their composition.

For two samples, the names of the brand/manufacturer have been withheld under section 31 (law enforcement) of the Act. Further details about the use of this exemption are provided in Annex B. The remaining seven samples were taken from takeaway restaurants and the brand/manufacturer was not recorded.

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