

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

Information Paper

Update on the UK wide survey of non-UK eggs sold at retail

1. This survey is to measure the level of *Salmonella* contamination in non-UK produced eggs on retail sale. At present, little information is available on *Salmonella* prevalence in non-UK eggs. The survey covers retail premises in London and the north west of England, and there is a target of approximately 2,500 samples.
2. The survey started in March 2005 and was originally scheduled for completion on 1 May 2006. However, a 4-month extension was granted due to a shortfall in sample numbers in the first quarter. The survey is near completion with the final report to be submitted to the Agency on 1 September 2006.
3. To date, 1,226 boxes of 6 eggs have been sampled, of these 1,142 boxes were suitable for testing.

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