

Chemical Regulation Division

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To whom it may concern,

PESTICIDE RESIDUES MONITORING PROGRAMME

The Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD) is part of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). Part of our work is to monitor and report on pesticide residues in the food available on the United Kingdom (UK) market.

Some of the samples that we require for our programme are collected for us by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) using HSE legal powers.

HSE has appointed these APHA inspectors under Section 8 and Schedule 1 of the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels) Regulations 2008. This means that they have powers to take goods from places such as wholesalers, ports/import points, cash & carry outlets and distribution depots for pesticide residue testing. Your co-operation is appreciated. It is an offence to obstruct these inspectors in carrying out their duties.

The samples will be analysed by one of our partner laboratories for residues from a various range of pesticides. Each year, HSE survey around 4,000 commodities of foods. These samples are analysed by one of HSE's partner laboratories for residues from a various range of pesticides.

The analytical (test) results will be included in a future report published by the Pesticide Residue Monitoring Team on behalf of HSE. The report will include details of the products, including brand name, supplier, sampling point, and manufacturer/packer. You will not receive the HSE results before they are officially published, unless we identify something that requires further investigation. If that happens, you will have an opportunity to review, comment, and respond before any results are made public.

Any samples that are damaged/spoiled in transit will not be analysed or included in the report.

Please contact me directly if you have any enquiries about the programme, including any samples purchased from your premises today as part of the Pesticides Residues Monitoring Programme.

Kind regards,



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