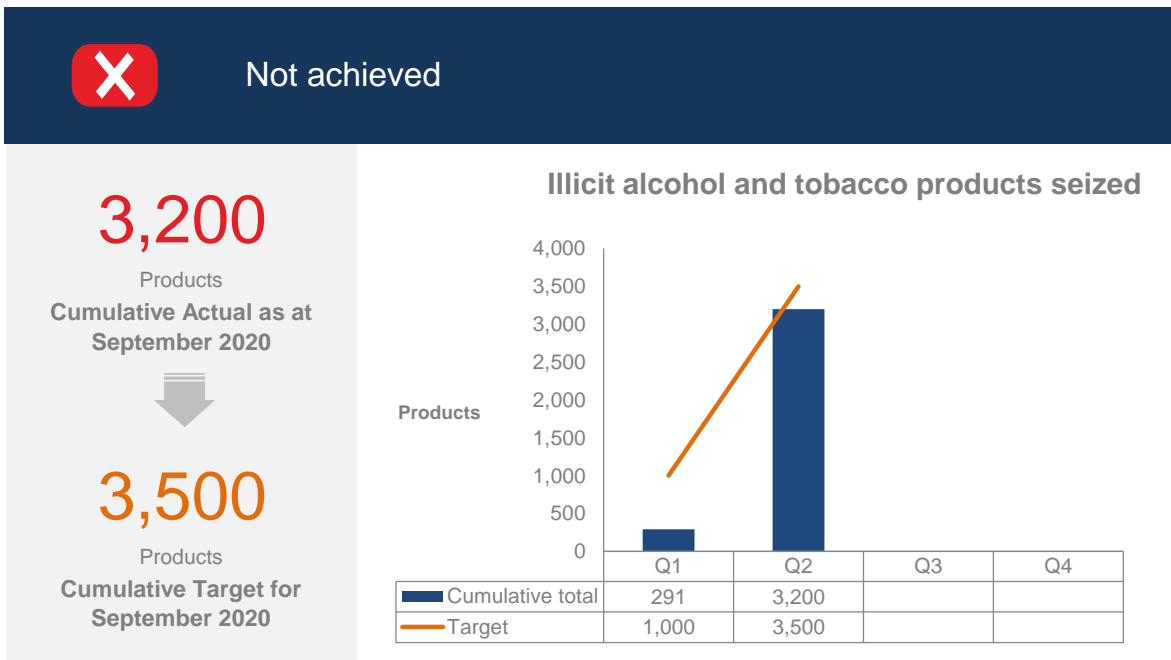## Illicit alcohol and tobacco products seized

Actual products seized (as a count of number of packets of cigarettes and tobacco and number of bottles of alcohol) that are removed from the market in Lincolnshire. Illicit alcohol and tobacco includes counterfeit, non-duty paid, unsafe, incorrectly labelled, and other illicit brands. Unsafe means that the products do not self-extinguish as required by European Standards. Other illicit brands are products which are manufactured for the sole purpose of being smuggled into and sold illegally in another market resulting in significant losses in tax revenue. Products are counted in terms of the most popular sizes of packs. E.g. 20 cigarettes, 50g hand-rolling tobacco, 70cl spirits. These numbers are dependent on successful legal process, meaning forfeiture or surrendering of the products.

A higher number of illicit alcohol and tobacco products seized indicates a better performance. Trading Standards is intelligence led and the number of products seized does not reflect on the level of activity by the service.

✖ Not achieved

3,200
Products
Cumulative Actual as at September 2020

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3,500
Products
Cumulative Target for September 2020

Illicit alcohol and tobacco products seized

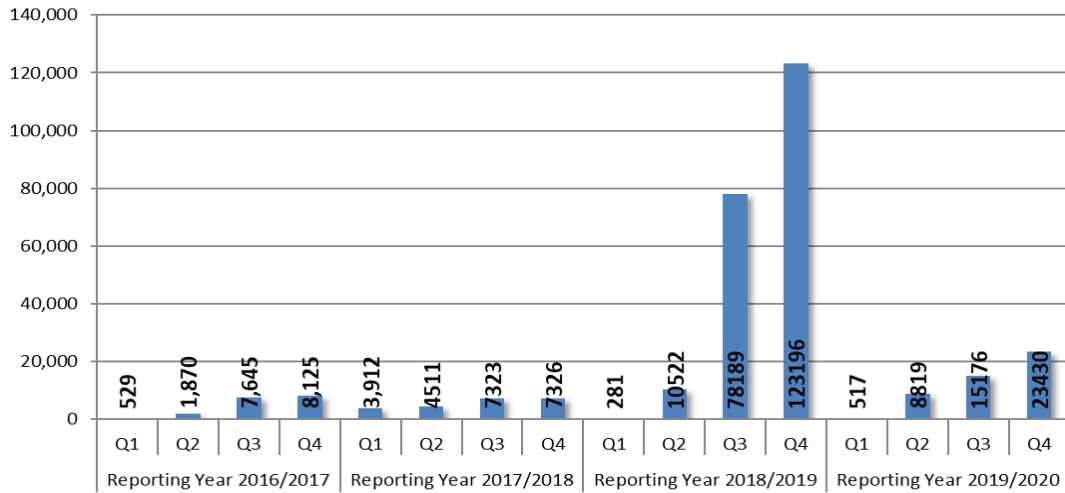| Products	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cumulative total	291	3,200		
Target	1,000	3,500		

About the latest performance

A number of planned multi agency operations had to be postponed during the current pandemic and this has impacted on the performance figures. Operations resumed in quarter 2 and we are currently slightly behind plan

Illicit Alcohol and Tobacco Products Seized 2016-2020 (cumulative)

	Reporting Year 2016/2017				Reporting Year 2017/2018				Reporting Year 2018/2019				Reporting Year 2019/2020			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	529	1,870	7,645	8,125	3,912	4511	7323	7326	281	10522	78189	123196	517	8819	15176	23430

About the target

We aim to increase the amount of illicit and unsafe alcohol and tobacco products removed from the market in Lincolnshire. In 2020/21 a target has been set for 7000 illicit products to be removed from the market. This demonstrates a reduction in the availability of products which in effect is increasing public safety and preventing the funding of organised crime and terrorism.
The annual target is estimated based on products seized in 2019/20.

About the target range

A target range of +/- 2% allows for some fluctuation in market conditions. There is the potential for anomalies with unexpected large-scale seizures or outside constraints on products such as seizures at port.

About benchmarking

This measure is local to Lincolnshire and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.

Unsafe products removed from the market

This measure is a count of the number of unsafe goods removed from the market in Lincolnshire, reducing the risk of any of these products causing harm to the end-user. This includes counterfeit goods where they are unsafe but does not include alcohol and tobacco, or products removed that are purely counterfeit. Unsafe goods are any products that do not conform to European and/or UK safety standards and regulations or do not meet the definition of a safe product in the General Product Safety Regulations 2005. The measure is a count of the product as sold to the consumer. E.g. a pack of 2 walkie talkies would count as 1. There are many different types of products that could be unsafe and would be within the remit of Trading Standards. This includes electrical items, cosmetics, clothing, furniture and toys. These figures are dependent on successful legal processes, meaning suspension, recall, forfeiture or surrendering of the products or complying with an improvement notice to bring the product into compliance before it is placed on the market. A higher number of unsafe goods removed from the market indicates a better performance. Trading Standards is intelligence led and the number of products seized does not reflect on the level of activity by the service.

❌ Not achieved

450
Products
Cumulative Actual as at September 2020

⬇

1,300
Products
Cumulative Target for September 2020

Unsafe products removed from market

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cumulative total	381	450		
Target	300	1300		

About the latest performance

The priority for safety sampling in the first quarter of the year has focused on PPE - such as masks and hand sanitiser whilst routine inspections were unable to be performed. We are behind plan but confident in meeting the end of year target.

Further details

The definition for this measure was changed with effect from 1st April 2019 to 'Unsafe products removed from the market'. The previous definition was 'Unsafe and counterfeit goods removed from the market'. Therefore it is not possible to make meaningful comparisons with performance data prior to 2019/2020.

About the target

Larger numbers of goods are entering the market and the availability of goods from other countries is increasing. These may not conform to the same safety requirements placed on UK markets. We aim to increase the number of unsafe products removed from the market in Lincolnshire and reduce the risk of harm to the potential end-user.

In 2020/21 an annual target has been set for 3000 unsafe products to be removed from the market. This has been estimated based on products seized in 2019/20.

The availability of unsafe goods can increase in Quarter 3 for Christmas, Halloween and seasonal markets. It can also increase in the summer months due to the influx of tourists to the coast. Large seizures can take a while to catalogue/count and may not always be ready to report in the actual quarter they occurred.

About the target range

Any increase in the number of unsafe products removed from the market would be seen as positive. The +/- 2% target range reflects potential fluctuations in market conditions. There is always the potential for anomalies and this can often depend on consumer trends such as a massively popular children's movie or the popularity of a 'must have' consumer item.

About benchmarking

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High risk premises inspected by Trading Standards

This is a count of the number of premises that are categorised as 'High risk' that have been inspected by Trading Standards. A 'High risk' premises is one that has been categorised as such by the Food Standards Agency, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), and the Better Regulation Delivery Office as requiring an annual compliance visit based upon an assessment of the risk posed to the public. Trading Standards then use a combination of this information combined with officer knowledge, the history of the premises over the last 12 months, and intelligence to create an inspection list for the year. Trading Standards will sometimes select premises that are not deemed 'high risk'. This could be due to local or national issues, e.g. we looked at a number of restaurants in previous years in light of the changes to allergen legislation. Trading Standards follow the principals set out in the DEFRA Framework Agreement, which was a working arrangement set up between Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)/DEFRA and Trading Standards several years ago. As well as identifying traditional 'high risk' premises it also identifies premises which are critical control points for disease and we try to focus resources on these.
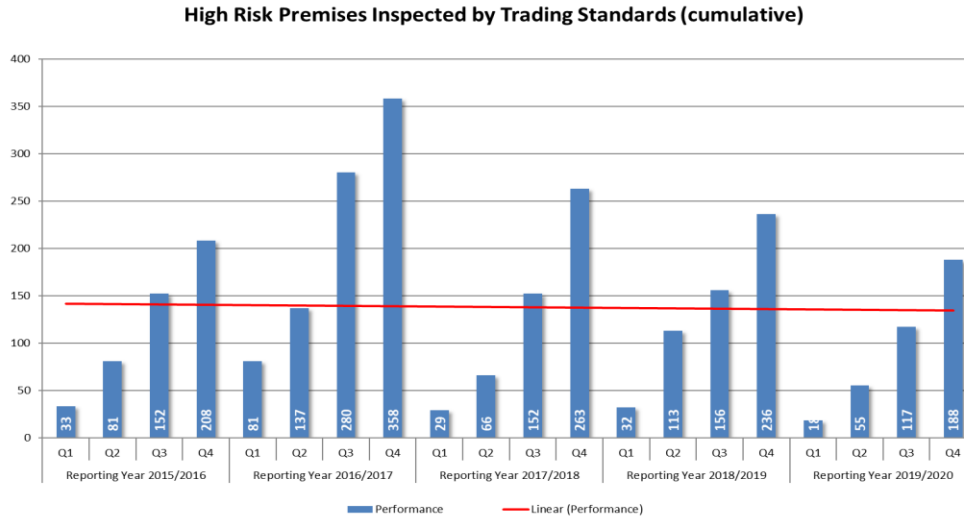A higher number of high risk premises inspected indicates a better performance.

✓ Achieved

25

Premises

Cumulative Actual as at September 2020

⬇

20

Premises

Cumulative Target for September 2020

High risk premises inspected by Trading Standards

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cumulative total	1	25		
Target	1	20		

About the latest performance

We are currently ahead of target. Numbers are lower this year than previous years as a result of restrictions on inspections in place in quarter 1 due to Covid-19. There are 142 inspections to be completed in the next 6 months to achieve the end of year target of 167 inspections

Further details

High Risk Premises Inspected by Trading Standards (cumulative)

| | Performance | Linear (Performance) |

About the target

The target is the number of premises that are categorised as 'High risk' by the respective bodies. This can change annually depending on the number of businesses that are operating, some could cease trading and new businesses could emerge. The assessment by the respective bodies could also change.
Quarter 1 figures are generally lower due to the finalisation of numbers and funding with external agencies.

About the target range

A target range of +/- 2% allows for some unpredictability in completion of planned inspections. This can be attributed to different factors such as cancellations, disease outbreak, ongoing investigations or premises that have ceased trading.

About benchmarking

This measure is local to Lincolnshire and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.