

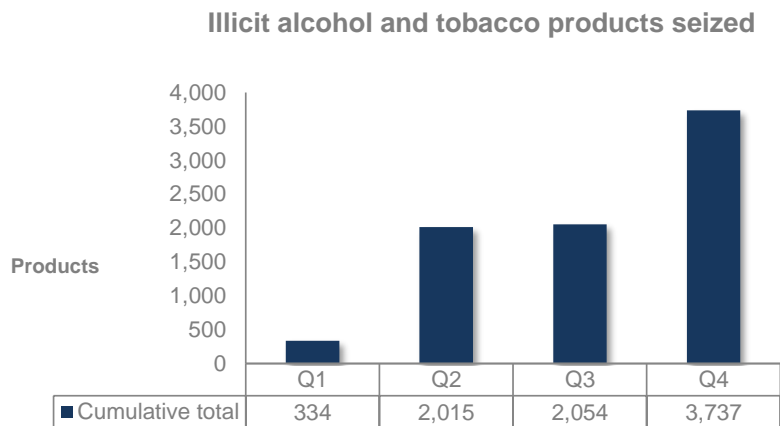
Illicit alcohol and tobacco products seized

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 and losses to legitimate businesses. 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.

Trading Standards is intelligence led and the number of products seized does not reflect on the level of activity by the service. Therefore this indicator is measured



3,737
Products
Cumulative Actual as at March 2022



About the latest performance

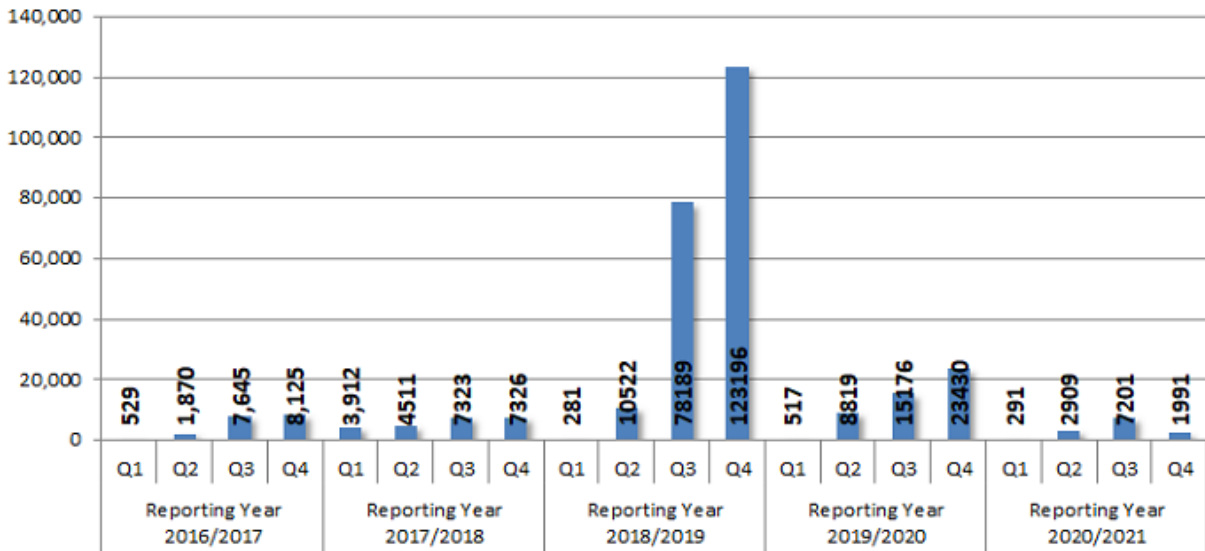
Within the last year Lincolnshire Trading Standards have removed 3,737 illicit alcohol and tobacco products from the market. The following is a breakdown of products removed from the market.

- 40 litres of alcohol
- 3,377 packs of 20 cigarettes (67,539 sticks)
- 320 packs of 50g tobacco (16,000g)

Seizure figures do not accurately reflect the scale of the problem across the county or the activity of the service. We continue to work with landlords to remove tenants selling illicit goods, as well as prosecuting those selling counterfeit, unsafe and non compliant alcohol and cigarettes. In the last year we have also begun to look at securing closure orders for premises found to be selling illicit alcohol and tobacco.

Further details

Illicit Alcohol and Tobacco Products Seized 2016-2021 (cumulative)



About the target

It is not appropriate to set a target for this measure. The number of items removed from the market does not accurately reflect the level of activity of the service.

About the target range

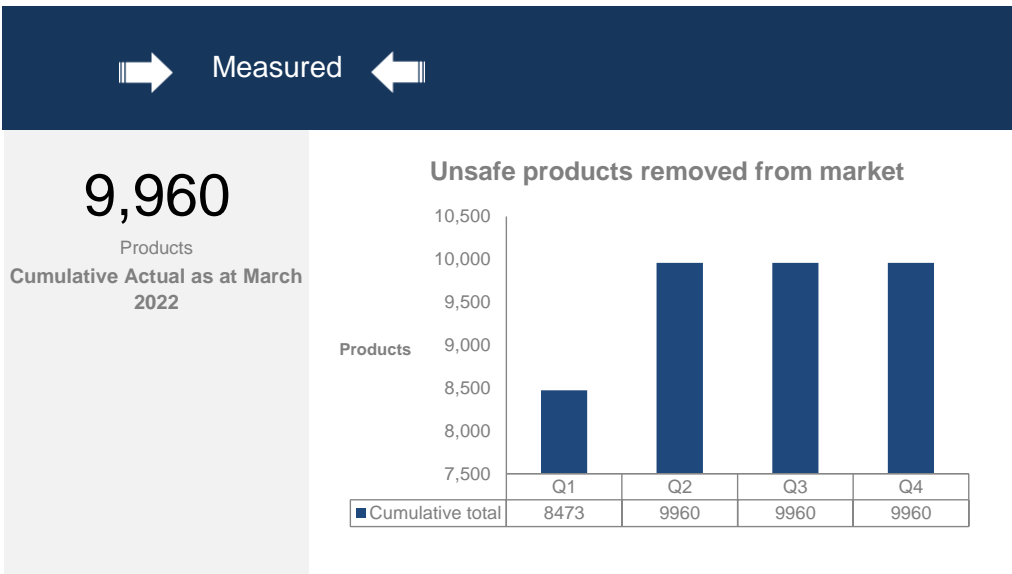
A target range is not applicable as this is a contextual measure.

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. Therefore this is indicator is measured.



About the latest performance

In 2021/22 almost 10,000 unsafe goods have been removed from the market in Lincolnshire. Examples of unsafe goods included car brake shoes, medicines, e cigarettes and cosmetics. A further 11,352 trade mark infringing/counterfeit goods were also removed from the market. In total 21,312 counterfeit and unsafety items were removed from the market in Lincolnshire.

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

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About the target range

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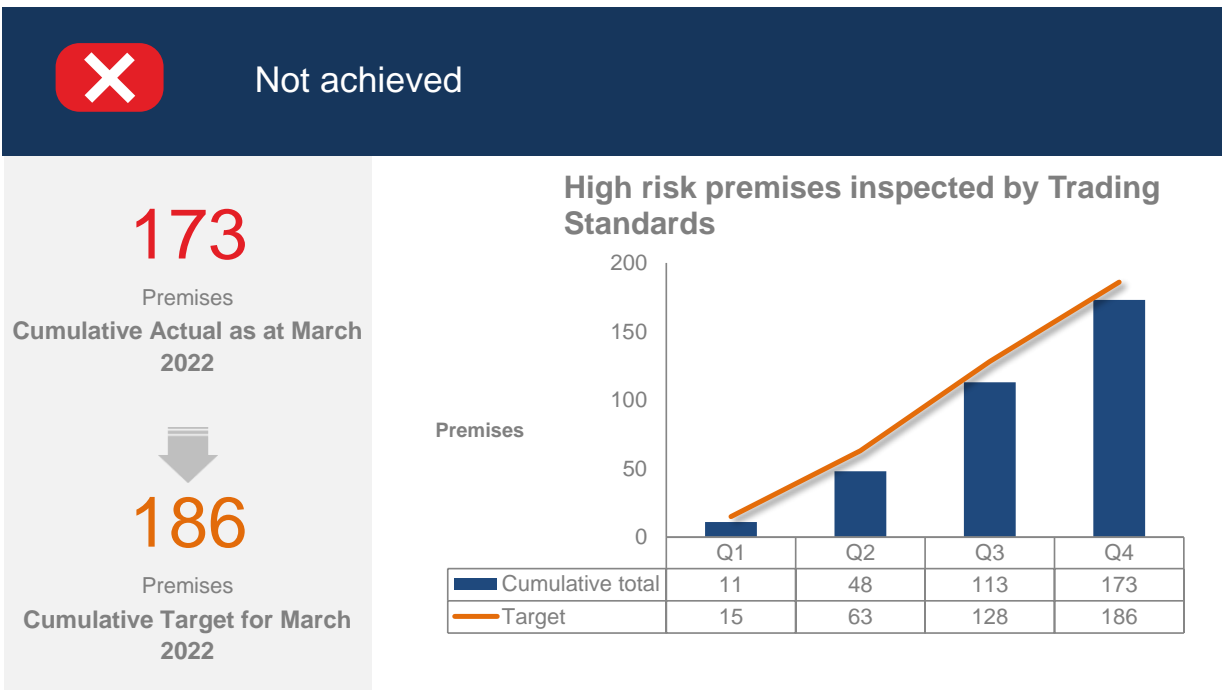
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High risk premises inspected by Trading Standards

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.

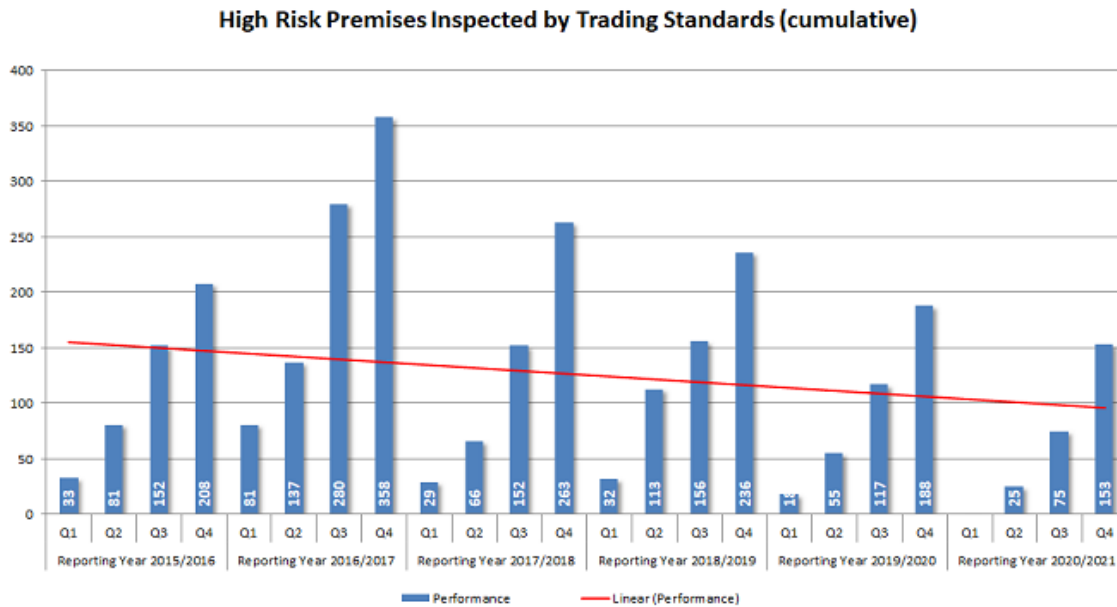
A higher number of high risk premises inspected indicates a better performance.



About the latest performance

We did not achieve the target in the original timescales. Physical inspections were delayed due to resources as we dealt with the unprecedented avian influenza outbreak. As a result of this, and covid, the Food Standards Agency extended their deadline for inspections to be completed to 30/06/2022. We are on target to achieve this.

Further details



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

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