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# Current situation on food surveillance and control in Latvia

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# Food establishments under surveillance in Latvia

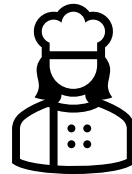
Totally registered food establishments (2020):

**34830**

**including:**

**-retailers + wholesalers 14094**

**-caterers 6869**



Totally inspections (2020):

**34176**



**(food inspectors – 130)**



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## Main non-compliances (findings) during inspections

**15%** don't follow principles of FSMS

**14%** have not appropriate equipment and facilities

**14%** have not appropriate hygiene of food premises

**8,0%** don't follow personal hygiene rules

**7,5%** have problems with food labeling information

**7,4%** have problems with traceability

**5, 0%** food with expired dates



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# Administrative sanctions

**34** - establishments temporarily suspended their activity

**102** - food distribution were stopped

**493** - food was withdrawn from distribution

**528** – money penalties (total 55515 EUR)



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# Double standard food surveillance

## **2017 – tested 38 food and 3 feed samples**

- ✓ differences was not relevant
- ✓ additionally, were checked and compared ingredients list information – discovered that in producing process the cheapest and different ingredients were used.
- ✓ the differences in nutritional value and fatty acids were identified
- ✓ results available at:

<https://www.zm.gov.lv/partikas-un-veterinarais-dienests/jaunumi/konstate-atiskiribas-latvija-un-citas-valstis-pieejamos-arvalstu-izcels?id=9145>



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# Double standard food surveillance

**2018-2019 FVS participated in EU survey – 81 samples  
(JRC accepted 75)**

**2020 – 5 samples for JRC**

- Totally were checked food information, which was send to JRC of EU Commission, differences again was not relevant
- JRC worked on methodology for food testing
- EU primary results are available:

<https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC117088>

- The second stage results are available (23/03/2021):

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/results-eu-wide-comparison-quality-related-characteristics-branded-food-products-part-2-sensory....>



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# Tea with pesticide residues – actions taken

Previously FVS have not any problems...with pesticides residues in tea's

Now ... we informed trader organizations about SURVEY results (9.06.)

We stopped distribution of positive tested tea Lots (9.06.), checked the balances of foodstuffs in retail

We organized official sampling positively tested tea's samples (totally 5 samples for trimethyl-sulfonium cation – 16.06.- 17.06.)



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***Questions?***