

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Makers House
Address of food business:	2 - 4 St Benedicts Street Norwich NR2 4AG
Date of inspection:	12/05/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00450/FOOD
Premises reference:	19/00341/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Storeroom, Main Kitchen
Records examined:	SFBB, Pest Control Report, Training Certificates/records, Temperature Control Records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Restaurant/Tapas Bar

Relevant Legislation

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations

Food Information Regulations 2014

What you must do to comply with the law

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

FOOD SAFETY

How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area	You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	10	15	20	30
Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-
Your Rating is	5	4	3	2	1	0

Your Food Hygiene Rating is 4 - a good standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are high. You demonstrated a very good standard of compliance with legal requirements. You have safe food handling practices and procedures and all the necessary control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. Some minor contraventions require your attention. **(Score 5)**

Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- cutting boards were badly scored and need replacing
- uncovered foods stored on the floor in the walk-in fridge
- the underside of stacked containers in contact with open food below
- open packet of cornflour stored on shelf in storeroom.

Legal requirement At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

Legal requirement Provide smooth, plastic or metal, rodent proof containers with tight fitting lids for the storage of dried foods

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent cross-contamination.

Hand washing

Contravention The following indicated that hand washing was not suitably managed:

- staff were not seen washing their hands when I visited

Information Hand washing is required:

- * before handling ready-to-eat food
- * after touching raw food and its packaging, including unwashed fruit and vegetables
- * after a break/smoking
- * after going to the toilet
- * after cleaning
- * after removing waste
- * after blowing your nose

Personal Hygiene

Observation I was pleased to see that standards of personal hygiene were high.

Temperature Control

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to limit bacterial growth and/or survival by applying appropriate temperature controls at points critical to food safety and that you were monitoring temperatures.

Unfit food

Contravention The following food was unfit (and was seized or destroyed in my presence) because it was past its USE BY date:

- 2 x packets of mozzarella were being stored beyond their 'Use by' date of 20/5

Recommendation You should have a system to identify when open or prepared foods need to be used by or discarded, to ensure the food is fit for consumption. I recommend you apply labels which give a date that is 2 days after the day of production e.g. if food is opened on Monday it should be used by the end of Wednesday (an exception is cooked rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

Poor Practices

Contravention The following matters represented poor practice and if allowed to continue may cause food to become contaminated or lead to its deterioration:

- food stored on the floor in the fridge. Lift food off the floor in the walk-in fridge to ensure cooling air can freely circulate

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are all of a good standard and only minor repairs and/or improvements are required. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The minor contraventions require your attention. **(Score 5)**

Cleaning of Structure

Contravention The following items were dirty and require more frequent and thorough cleaning:

- flooring behind and under equipment
- floor/wall junctions
- walls particularly behind food preparation surfaces
- skirting boards
- top to floor coving
- walls badly marked in prep kitchen

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- legs to equipment
- underneath towel dispenser
- seals to fridges/freezers
- door and interior ceiling to microwave

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Maintenance

Contravention The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- split seals to dessert freezer

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see the premises had been well maintained and that adequate facilities had been provided.

Pest Control

Observation You have a pest control contract in place and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(Score 10)**

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention The food safety management system you have in place is not suitable given the food risks associated with your business. Implement a bespoke HACCP system covering higher risk activities not covered in simpler systems such as Safer Food Better Business.

- add your vac packing process to your food safety management system

Legal requirement Food business operators must put in place, implement and maintain a permanent procedure or procedures based on HACCP principles:

- identify hazards to food
- identify the critical points at which control is essential
- establish critical limits (what is acceptable and unacceptable)
- monitor critical control points to ensure critical limits are met
- keep appropriate records to demonstrate control measures are effective

Contravention You have not identified these food hazards or the methods of control at critical points in your operation:

- bacteria growing on food

Contravention The following Safer Food Better Business SAFE METHODS are incomplete:

- Chilling
- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Cross-contamination

Traceability

Observation Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Guidance UK Health Security Agency recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastrointestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.

Training

Observation I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available.

Allergens

Observation You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.