

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	China Express
Address of food business:	89 Cambridge Street Norwich NR2 2BD
Date of inspection:	02/08/2018
Risk rating reference:	18/00814/FOOD
Premises reference:	17/00100/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Food take away premises
Areas inspected:	Main Kitchen, Storeroom, External store
Records examined:	SFBB, Cleaning schedule, Training certificates / records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Chinese takeaway

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
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Your Food Hygiene Rating is 2 - improvement is necessary



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are generally satisfactory and maintained. There is evidence of some non-compliance with legal requirements. Some lapses are evident however generally you have satisfactory food handling practices and procedures and adequate control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed.
(Score 10)

Contamination risks

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

- raw foods i.e prawns were being stored above ready-to-eat foods i.e cooked pork

Contravention You could not demonstrate effective heat disinfection of food equipment and utensils used for both raw and ready-to-eat (RTE) foods and did not have a dishwasher. Undertake the following work:

- purchase separate containers for use with raw foods (use colour coding - i.e. preferably red for raw food)

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.

Information The FSA (visit www.food.gov.uk for more information) has issued guidance on controlling E.coli 0157 through:

- the complete separation of raw and ready-to-eat food
- the correct use of wash-hand basins and thorough hand washing
- having dedicated equipment (including complex equipment) for raw and ready-to-eat foods
- through 2-stage cleaning and the correct use of sanitiser
- and by controlling the risks posed by earth soiled vegetables.

Guidance If equipment and utensils (for example chopping boards, containers and tongs) are to be used for raw and RTE foods, they should be disinfected by heat or an adequate dishwasher cycle (able to reach 80°C for 15 seconds) between uses.

Guidance If heat disinfection or a dishwasher is not possible, separate equipment and utensils should be used for handling raw and RTE foods. Such equipment should be easily identifiable (colour coded) must be stored and washed separately.

Recommendation Chopping/cutting boards must be stored in a rack properly divided to stop cross-contamination and to allow aeration

Hand-washing

Observation wash-hand basins were well stocked with hand cleaning material.

Personal Hygiene

Contravention The following are examples of poor personal hygiene or where it was made difficult for food handlers to maintain sufficiently high standards of personal cleanliness:

- a food handler was seen wearing a vest and an apron worn folded at the waist. This is not considered adequate protective clothing. Provide something with more coverage i.e chef's whites are recommended

Legal Requirement All persons in food handling areas must wear suitable, clean, and where appropriate protective clothing

Contravention the wash-hand basin was not in regular use. Regular hand washing is important for personal cleanliness. Remind all food handlers of the need to wash their hands before starting or returning to work, and specifically:

- After using the toilet;
- After handling rubbish;
- After smoking;
- After taking a break;
- After handling raw food

Temperature Control

Recommendation Food i.e ribs which were warm were being stored in the walk-in fridge. This can cause the temperature of other foods within the fridge to rise. Hot foods should not be placed in a refrigerator

Recommendation Rapid cooling can be achieved by reducing the portion size, either by cutting food into smaller pieces or by decanting into several smaller shallow containers

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 diligently monitoring temperatures.

Poor Practices

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

- uncovered meat stored in the large chest freezer
- uncovered food i.e ribs and noodles were being stored in the walk-in fridge
- open cans of coconut milk and corn-cream were being stored in the fridge. Once opened, canned food is to be stored to plastic containers, designed for the storage of food, to prevent chemical contamination of the food.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are less than satisfactory and you are failing to comply with the law in many respects. Significant improvements are needed in the standard of structure and equipment cleaning and/or maintenance of the premises. Contraventions require your immediate attention as some are critical to food safety. We may revisit your business and if standards have not improved take formal enforcement action. **(Score 15)**

Cleaning of Structure

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

- toilet pan
- pipework to sinks
- cobwebs and spider were seen to the lower wall next to the washing up sink
- back of the rear door
- gap to stainless steel table in front of the sink
- walls to the doorway leading into the kitchen from the rear
- grid to the drain underneath the washing up sink

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following surfaces and equipment in contact with food were dirty and/or could not be cleaned and require cleaning or discarding:

- seals to both the chest freezers in the outside store
- lid to bin
- seals to fridge freezer
- lids to dried goods containers i.e sugar, salt, msg and rice
- diffuser to the fluorescent light in the cooking area

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Contravention Touch points are dirty, thoroughly clean and maintain in a clean condition all touch points, for example, light switches, telephones, door handles, taps and handles, to minimise the risk of cross contamination. It is good practice to use a sanitiser in order to minimise the build up of bacteria:

Information Proper cleaning and disinfection is essential in preventing the spread of E.coli 0157 and other harmful bacteria onto food and food contact surfaces.

Maintenance

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

- diffuser needed to the fluorescent light in the storeroom
- mastick to the washing up sink
- damaged floor tile next to fryers
- split seals to the fridge freezer
- lid to the chest freezer
- gap to outside drain. You need to replace the grill

Facilities and Structural provision

Contravention Filters were missing from their position in the canopy. Appropriate filters must be installed immediately to reduce nuisance from odours and avoid grease accumulation in inaccessible parts of the duct.

Pest Control

Observation the fly screen to the rear door was tied up allowing flies into the premises. These pests carry food poisoning bacteria and can contaminate food and food surfaces that they land on. Keep the fly screen down at all times to ensure its effectiveness.

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. Your records are appropriate and generally maintained but some deficiencies were identified. 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 following pre-requisites have not been met and prove your food safety management system is ineffective:

- Cleaning and sanitation are poor

Contravention The following matters demonstrated that you have not identified hazards to food (such as bacteria growing on food, bacteria surviving in cooked food and cross-contamination) or the methods of control at critical points in your operation:

- storing raw foods above ready-to-eat

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention The Management sections in your Safer food Better Business (SFBB) pack are intended to demonstrate you are in day-to-day control of the hazards to food. The following Management sections were either missing, incomplete or not up-to-date:

- The daily diary and or four-weekly reviews
- The cleaning schedule

Recommendation add the wall behind the Wok station to your cleaning schedule

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of a registered waste carrier.

Training

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

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Guidance Public Health England recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastro-intestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

Allergens

Contravention You have not yet identified the allergens present in the food you prepare

- you were unaware that there were oysters and wheat in your Oyster Sauce

Contravention You have not properly informed your customers about the presence of allergens in the food you prepare.

Contravention You have not warned your customers about the potential for cross-contamination with allergens.

Legal Requirement Caterers must provide allergy information on all unpackaged food they sell. Catering businesses include restaurants, takeaways, deli counters, bakeries and sandwich bars etc. The potential for cross-contamination by allergens must also be made known to consumers. In addition food manufacturers must now label allergy causing ingredients on their pre-packed foods. You can obtain more information from the Trading Standards website www.norfolk.gov.uk/abc

Information Loose (also called non pre-packed) foods are:

- foods served at restaurants and canteens.
- take-a-way foods that are placed into containers and sold at the same premises.
- any foods sold loose, e.g. meat or cheese at a deli counter, unpackaged bread or pick and mix sweets (including individually wrapped sweets)

Information Allergen information could be written down on a chalk board or chart, or provided orally by a member of staff. Where the specific allergen information is not provided up-front, clear sign-posting to where this information could be obtained must be provided.

Information The 14 allergens are:

- cereals containing gluten
- crustaceans, for example prawns, crabs, lobster and crayfish
- eggs
- fish
- peanuts
- soybeans
- milk
- nuts, such as almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecan nuts, Brazil nuts, pistachio, cashew and macadamia (Queensland) nuts
- celery (and celeriac)
- mustard
- sesame
- sulphur dioxide, which is a preservative found in some dried fruit
- lupin
- molluscs, for example clams, mussels, whelks, oysters, snails and squid

Information The Food Information Regulations require that you know what allergens are in the food you provide. You can no longer claim you don't know what allergens are present. Neither can you simply state that all the foods you serve might contain an allergen.

Recommendation I recommend that you do an on line training course for allergens, you can do this on the following website <http://allergytraining.food.gov.uk/english/>