



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Maxi LT
Address of food business:	53 Woodcock Road Norwich NR3 3TH
Date of inspection:	21/10/2023
Risk rating reference:	23/00786/FOOD
Premises reference:	12/00236/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Retail shop
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	SFBB
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Retail Shop (Ethic Food)

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 3 - a generally satisfactory standard



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, foreign objects or chemicals:

- the insect killing equipment is located over the chilled display counter and presents a risk of contamination where dead insects falls into food and food contact surfaces below. Relocate the insect killing equipment.
- a mop, bucket and broom were being stored behind the deli and butcher counter. Remove so that the risk of food contamination is minimised.

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.

Hand-washing

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

- staff were not seen washing their hands when I visited
- the wash hand basin was obstructed
- the wash hand basin was not in regular use and was not easily accessible.

Information Handwashing 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

Guidance Proper hand-washing is essential to prevent cross-contamination of E.coli 0157 and other harmful bacteria onto food and food contact surfaces. Handwashing should include the following steps:

- * wet hands before applying soap
- * good hand rubbing technique
- * rinsing of hands
- * hygienic drying

Recommendation Gloves were being worn without hands being washed. Hands should always be washed thoroughly before putting gloves on and after taking them off. Gloves should also be changed before handling ready-to-eat food if they have come in contact with any surface or objects designated as clean, e.g, money, and also at every break and when gloves become damaged.

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:

- staff were not using the wash-hand basin regularly

Legal Requirement Washbasins must be available, suitably located and designated for cleaning hands. Wash-hand basins must be provided with hot and cold (or suitably mixed) running water. Soap and hand drying facilities must be located nearby.

Legal Requirement 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

Unfit food

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

- cooked ham dated 20/10/23
- ready-to-eat beef dated 20/10/23
- cheese pudding dated 18/10/23
- goat cheese dated 18/10/23.

Legal Requirement The use by date is the date until which the manufacturer of the food guarantees it is safe to eat. Food sold beyond its use by date may be of poor quality or unfit. It is an offence to sell or expose for sale food with an expired use by date. You must check your stock daily and dispose of any out of date food.

Legal Requirement Any food which is found at your food premises is presumed to be intended for sale and must comply with the law.

Information High risk items have a use by date. After this date you must not sell, use or intend to use these foods. Make sure you have regular checks in place to remove out of date items

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)

Observation I was pleased to see staff take the out of date food off the shelf and disposed of it.

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

Observation The kitchen had been well maintained and the standard of cleaning was good.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Observation You had dedicated equipment for the preparation of raw and for ready-to-eat foods.

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Contravention The following evidence demonstrated your cleaning materials, equipment and methods were not sufficient to control the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces:

- the sanitisers are not to BS EN 1276:1997 13697:2001 Standards

Information You must ensure that the sanitisers you use are effective against bacteria. Ensure that they meet the following standards BS EN 1276:1997 and 13697:2001.

Guidance Disinfectants and sanitisers must at least meet the requirements of one of the following standards: BS EN 1276 or BS EN 13697.

Maintenance

Observation You are maintaining the premises in good condition.

Facilities and Structural provision

Contravention The following facilities were inadequate and must be improved:

- insufficient or poorly sited wash hand basin

Legal Requirement An adequate number of wash-hand basins must be available, suitably located and designated for cleaning hands. Wash-hand basins must be provided with hot and cold (or suitably mixed) running water.

Pest Control

Recommendation Install the Electric Fly Killer in a suitable position away from natural light sources and food and food preparation surfaces and keep it clean

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was proofed against the entry of pests and that pest control procedures were in place.

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 following pre-requisites have not been met and this means that your food safety management system will be ineffective:

- staff hygiene is inadequate
- staff training is inadequate

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

- Chilling
- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Cross-contamination

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention You are not working to the following safe methods in your SFBB pack:

- 4-weekly checks
- chilling / chilled storage / display of chilled food
- cleaning
- cross contamination/ physical or chemical contamination
- daily diary
- food allergies
- personal hygiene / handwashing
- training records / supplier lists
- your daily check records were being completed way ahead of time. This is a misrepresentation of actual events within your business as you are intentionally

not providing accurate information. I suggest you provide accurate information by completing your daily checks on day by day basis.

Recommendation Your SFBB pack should be used as intended so as to guarantee you are fully complying with your legal obligation to have a documented food safety management system in place.

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

Contravention The following evidence indicates there is a staff training need as food handlers:

- did not understand the opening and closing checks
- were not washing their hands often enough
- were using food that was passed its USE BY date

Recommendation A Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering or its equivalent (a 6-hour course leading to the award of a recognised certificate in food hygiene) would be appropriate for your food handlers. Booking details for the equivalent CIEH course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

Recommendation Catering staff should refresh their food hygiene knowledge every 3 years so that they stay up to date with current legislation and good practice. Booking details for this course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk