

REVIEW: ILLEGAL COSMETICS AND ILLEGALLY IMPORTED FOODS

Briefing paper: Recovery of Income in respect of Charges relating to Imported Food Controls of Products of Animal Origin (POAO)

For Imported food controls of POAOs, there is no revenue Budget. Therefore, all costs incurred are recovered from charges collected from importers. Charges are set each year to ensure full recovery and any surplus income by statute must be reinvested in the service. Should there be a short fall; charges can be increased to recover the following year. For 2010/11 the amount to be recovered is £1,679,930.

Verification of imported Organic food products is similar to above and £121.8K was recovered last year.

Financial statements are provided to Central Government departments showing income recovered and costs incurred.

For foods of non-animal origin, there is a Revenue Budget of £88K and in addition, the service was successful in obtaining additional funding through the grant scheme from the Food Standards Agency to support additional sampling. (Oct 08 to March 09 total of £26K and January 09 to March 09 £10,7K and for 2009/2010 £9K)

Since the introduction of new legislation in January 2010, the service is also now able to charge for checks on “high risk Non-POAO “for food imports from countries outside the EU.