



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Spice Xpress
Address of food business:	219 Queens Road Norwich NR1 3AE
Date of inspection:	21/02/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00164/FOOD
Premises reference:	06/00290/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Retail shop
Areas inspected:	Storeroom, External Store
Records examined:	Temperature Control Records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Retail store preparing minimal fruit and veg.

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 5 - a very 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)**

Hand-washing

Recommendation Recommend reviewing hand washing procedure regarding preparation of fruits and vegetables.

Poor Practices

Recommendation Recommend finding alternative facility for preparation of fruits and vegetables.

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 could not be effectively cleaned and must be covered, made non-absorbent or replaced:

- exposed areas of exposed brick and unfinished plaster on walls and/or ceiling in storage and food preparation area

Recommendation Improve your housekeeping - storage and room used to prepare fresh fruit and vegetables cluttered and untidy.

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 basins
- additional hand washing facilities needed for food handling

Pest Control

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

A food safety management system is in place and you comply fully with the law. Hazards to food are understood properly controlled managed and reviewed. Your records are appropriate and being maintained. All your staff are suitably supervised and trained. You have a very good track record. **(Score 0)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers as well as the temperature of cooked/hot-held food and could demonstrate effective systems for controlling bacterial growth and survival.

Traceability

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