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Award

A survey of E. coli, Campylobacter, Salmonella and AMR on frozen imported chicken meat on retail sale in the UK

Food Standards Agency

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Scope

Reference

C361869

Description

To address this evidence gap, we are inviting tenders to carry out a survey of E. coli, Campylobacter, Salmonella and AMR on frozen chicken meat on retail sale in the UK. The survey should include UK-produced and imported frozen chicken. We anticipate that the survey will be in two Lots:

Lot 1. Survey design, sample collection at retail and transportation to the testing laboratory

Lot 2. Microbiological testing, data analysis and reporting.

Lot 1. Lot 1. Survey design, sample collection at retail and transportation to the test

Description

Applicants should submit bids indicating a provisional design for a survey on E. coli, Campylobacter and Salmonella and AMR found on raw frozen chicken meat on retail sale in the UK. Sample collection For this survey, the frozen chicken items will need to be evenly sampled over a 12-month period commencing from October 2025 and concluding at the end of September 2026. Given the lack of AMR data on UK retail frozen chicken, we suggest sampling 300 (+5% contingency) frozen chicken samples at retail supermarkets as this will enable us to create a new baseline for AMR E. coli whilst also providing updated prevalence figures for Campylobacter and Salmonella Full details are in the specification document.

Lot 2. Lot 2: Microbiological testing, data analysis and reporting

Description

Applicants should submit bids indicating a microbiological testing for a survey on E. coli, Campylobacter and Salmonella and AMR found on raw frozen chicken meat on retail sale in the UK. Applicants must ensure good quality control throughout the sample arrival/logging and analysis and long-term storage of bacterial isolates. Full details are in the specification document.

Contract 1. Lot 1: Survey design, sample collection at retail and transportation to the test

Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1. Survey design, sample collection at retail and transportation to the test

Supplier

- [Hallmark Meat Hygiene](#)

Contract value

- £45,980.50 excluding VAT
- £55,176.60 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

30 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

30 September 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2025 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 5 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Contract 2. Lot 2: Microbiological testing, data analysis and reporting

Lots

Lot 2. Lot 2: Microbiological testing, data analysis and reporting

Supplier

- [Animal and Plant Health Agency](#)

Contract value

- £263,658.37 excluding VAT
- £316,390.04 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

30 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

30 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 9 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2025 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 5 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Services

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Information about tenders

Lot 1. Lot 1. Survey design, sample collection at retail and transportation to the test

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 2. Lot 2: Microbiological testing, data analysis and reporting

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

Animal and Plant Health Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHC-6261-BLLQ

Woodham Lane,

New Haw

KT15 3NB

United Kingdom

Email: fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk

Region: UKJ25 - West Surrey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

N/A

Contract 2. Lot 2: Microbiological testing, data analysis and reporting

Hallmark Meat Hygiene

- Companies House: 04415388

Unit 3, Damery Works

Woodford

GL13 9JR

United Kingdom

Email: fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk

Region: UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Lot 1: Survey design, sample collection at retail and transportation to the test

Contracting authority

Food Standards Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRM-6866-LYYX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government