

News story: London market trader fined for selling rotten fruit with incorrect labelling

A London based market trader has been fined for displaying, offering for sale and selling rotten fruit and vegetables that failed to meet the minimum quality standards.

Brian Childs, a stallholder at Queens Market in Upton Park, London was fined £1,998 at Thames Magistrates' Court on 22 August 2018, following an investigation by the Rural Payments Agency's (RPA) Horticultural Marketing Inspectors (HMI).

Mr Childs, who trades under the name of Jaqueline Childs, runs one of the largest independent fruit and vegetable stalls within the purpose-built indoor complex.

An HMI inspection found the stall selling rotten lettuce, plums and papaya, while kakis and limes were being marketed with incorrect country of origin labelling.

Peter Bainbridge, RPA Operations Director said:

The ultimate objective of the RPA's Horticultural Marketing Inspectors is to work closely with the fresh produce industry at all times. They use face-to-face inspection as a means of providing advice and guidance to help support retailers such as Mr Childs understand the role that the marketing standards can play in adding real value to their business.

Unfortunately their advice is not always heeded by individuals and businesses and when all other options are exhausted, the RPA will resort to the use of criminal sanction to bring about a required change in behaviour.

On top of the fine, HMI investigation costs of £2,049 were awarded, along with victim surcharge, producing a total financial penalty of £4,138.

Background

- Horticultural Marketing Inspectors are part of the Rural Payments Agency (RPA). The team is responsible for the enforcement of the EU marketing standards for fresh fruit, vegetables, salad crops, nuts and cultivated mushroom, throughout England and Wales, wherever fresh produce is grown, imported, exported, bought or sold.

Guidance: Financing heat networks in the UK: guidebook

This guidance outlines some of the issues, risks and opportunities around financing heat networks in the UK, to support the move to a self-sustaining heat network market. It includes:

- a decision tree for engaging with internal and external funding sources
- a decision tree for delivery structure and funding sources
- revenue streams
- commercial structures (delivery, contractual and funding)
- business rates
- accounting implications
- tax implications (Corporation Tax, VAT, Stamp Duty and Construction Industry Scheme)
- links to other guidance
- case studies
- engagement with the funding market
- cash flows associated with structures explored

The guidance is aimed at:

- heat network sponsors
- heat network developers
- heat network funders

National Statistics: Solar PV deployment: July 2018

Monthly deployment of all solar photovoltaic capacity in the United Kingdom up to the end of July 2018.

National Statistics: Energy Trends and

Prices statistical release: 30 August 2018

Energy production and consumption statistics are provided in total and by fuel, and provide an analysis of the latest 3 months data compared to the same period a year earlier. Energy price statistics cover domestic price indices, prices of road fuels and petroleum products and comparisons of international road fuel prices.

Energy production and consumption

Highlights for the 3 month period April to June 2018, compared to the same period a year earlier include:

- Primary energy consumption in the UK on a fuel input basis rose by 0.6%, on a temperature adjusted basis consumption rose by 0.5%. ([table ET 1.2](#))
- Indigenous energy production down by 1.0%, with oil and renewables, particularly solar, output up but gas and nuclear output down. ([table ET 1.1](#))
- Electricity generation by Major Power Producers down 0.5%, with coal down 20% but gas up 0.2%. Renewables were up 7.7% boosted by record quarterly solar generation* ([table ET 5.4](#))
- Gas provided 47.7% of electricity generation by Major Power Producers, with nuclear at 25.3%, renewables at 25.1% and coal at 1.9%.* ([table ET 5.4](#))
- Low carbon share of electricity generation by Major Power Producers up 0.2 percentage points to 50.4%. * ([table ET 5.4](#))

*Major Power Producers (MPPs) data published monthly, all generating companies data published quarterly.

Energy prices

Highlights for August 2018 compared to July 2018:

- Petrol prices up 0.8 pence per litre on month, whilst diesel prices also up 0.8 pence per litre. ([table QEP 4.1.1](#))

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Data periods

Statistics on monthly production and consumption of coal, electricity, gas, oil and total energy include data for the UK for the period up to the end of

June 2018.

Statistics on average temperatures, wind speeds, sun hours and rainfall include data for the UK for the period up to the end of July 2018.

Statistics on energy prices include retail price data for the UK for July 2018, and petrol & diesel data for August 2018, with EU comparative data for July 2018.

Next release

The next release of provisional monthly energy statistics will take place on 27 September 2018.

Data tables

To access the data tables associated with this release please click on the relevant subject link(s) below. For further information please use the contact details provided.

Please note that the links below will always direct you to the latest data tables. If you are interested in historical data tables please contact BEIS (kevin.harris@beis.gov.uk)

Subject and table number	Energy production and consumption, and weather data
Total Energy	Contact: Kevin Harris , Tel: 0300 068 5041
ET 1.1	Indigenous production of primary fuels
ET 1.2	Inland energy consumption: primary fuel input basis
Coal	Contact: Coal statistics , Tel: 0300 068 5050
ET 2.5	Coal production and foreign trade
ET 2.6	Coal consumption and coal stocks
Oil	Contact: Nick Jesson , Tel: 0300 068 5346
ET 3.10	Indigenous production, refinery receipts, imports and exports
ET 3.11	Stocks of petroleum
ET 3.12	Refinery throughput and output of petroleum products
ET 3.13	Deliveries of petroleum products for inland consumption
Gas	Contact: Ben Lucking , Tel: 0207 215 5010
ET 4.2	Natural gas production and supply
ET 4.3	Natural gas imports and exports
ET 4.4	Natural gas imports
Electricity	Contact: Electricity statistics , Tel: 0207 215 1259
ET 5.3	Fuel used in electricity generation by major producers
ET 5.4	Electricity production and availability from the public supply system
ET 5.5	Availability and consumption of electricity
Weather	Contact: Susan Lomas , Tel: 0300 068 5047

Subject and table number	Energy production and consumption, and weather data
ET 7.1	Average temperatures and deviations from the long term mean
ET 7.2	Average wind speed and deviations from the long term mean
ET 7.3	Average daily sun hours and deviations from the long term mean
ET 7.4	Average monthly rainfall and deviations from the long term mean
Subject and table number	Energy prices data
Domestic energy price indices	Contact: Susan Lomas , Tel: 0300 068 5047
QEP 2.1.3	Retail prices index: fuels components monthly figures
Monthly and annual prices of road fuels and petroleum product	Contact: Susan Lomas , Tel: 0300 068 5047
QEP 4.1.1	Typical retail prices of petroleum products and a crude oil price index (monthly data)
International road fuel prices	Contact: Anwar Annut , Tel: 0300 068 5060
QEP 5.1.1	Premium unleaded petrol prices in the EU
QEP 5.2.1	Diesel prices in the EU

Official Statistics: Statistical release and data: Smart Meters, Great Britain, quarter 2 2018

This release includes information on the number of smart meters installed and operated by energy suppliers in the second quarter of 2018.