

Evaluation of pilot implementation of nutritional standards for vending in local councils and wider public sector – Appendix A: Implementation and Compliance

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Abbreviations

HSC	Health and Social Care
PS	Pilot Site
SSB	Sugar Sweetened Beverage
VMO	Vending Machine Operator

Appendix A: Implementation and Compliance

To understand the extent to which VMOs implemented nutritional standards as intended, compliance of vending machine products was monitored through photos taken during site visits. The following tables detail the planograms which were used to visualise product offerings in vending machines across pilot sites and analyse compliance with nutritional standards (FSA standards for PS1 and HSC standards for PS2 and PS3) post-implementation.

Table 1: Compliance monitoring for PS1

Criteria (Vending standards)	Required % of drinks/snacks based on Phase 2 standards	Pre-Implementation (19 th February 2025)	Post-Implementation (7 th April 2025)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with Water	40%	18 (40%)	18 (40%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with Low sugar drinks, Milk based drinks or Fruit or Vegetable juice & smoothies	60%	21 (47%)	27 (60%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with Sugar Sweetened Beverages (SSB)	0%	6 (13%)	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with Energy drinks	0%	0	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with ambient snacks with less than or equal to 200 kcal per product (Phase 2)	100%	25 (62.5%)	36 (90%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with ambient snacks with greater than 200 kcal per product (Phase 2)	0%	15 (37.5%)	4 (10%)

Table 2: Compliance monitoring for PS2

Criteria (HSC standards)	Required % of drinks based on HSC standards	Pre-Implementation (19 th February)	Post-Implementation (24 th April)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with Water	30%	9 (20%)	9 (20%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with low calorie carbonated or still beverages (low calorie – no more than 20 calories (80 kilojoules, or kJ) per 100 ml)		16 (36%)	32 (71%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with fruit juice, vegetable juice and smoothies in single serve packs with pack size less than or equal to 200 ml		0	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with beverages with added sugar		20 (44%)	4 (9%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with savoury snacks with less than or equal to 200 kcal per product		9 (17%)	12 (22%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with savoury snacks with greater than 200 kcal per product	0%	3 (6%)	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with confectionery and packet sweets with less than or equal to 125 kcal per product		0	N/A
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with confectionery and packet sweets with greater than 125 kcal per product		4 (7%)	N/A
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with chocolate and biscuit snacks with less than or equal to 200 kcal per product		6 (11%)	12 (22%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with chocolate and biscuit snacks with greater than 200 kcal per product	0%	32 (59%)	30 (56%)

Table 3: Compliance monitoring for PS3

Criteria (Vending standards)	Required % of drinks based on HSC standards	Pre-Implementation (19th February)	Post-Implementation (14th April)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with Water	30%	5 (25%)	5 (25%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with low calorie carbonated or still beverages (low calorie – no more than 20 calories (80 kilojoules, or kJ) per 100 ml)		5 (25%)	15 (75%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with fruit juice, vegetable juice and smoothies in single serve packs with pack size less than or equal to 200 ml		0	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with beverages with added sugar	0%	10 (50%)	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with savoury snacks with less than or equal to 200 kcal per product		7 (29%)	12 (50%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with savoury snacks with greater than 200 kcal per product		4 (17%)	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with confectionery and packet sweets with less than or equal to 125 kcal per product		0	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with confectionery and packet sweets with greater than 125 kcal per product		0	0
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with chocolate and biscuit snacks with less than or equal to 200 kcal per product		2 (8%)	6 (25%)
The number and % of slots within the vending machine filled with chocolate and biscuit snacks with greater than 200 kcal per product	0%	11 (46%)	6 (25%)

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