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### An evaluation of compliance with food hygiene legislation by restaurants in the Bulawayo city center.

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## **Abstract**

An evaluation of compliance with food hygiene legislation by Bulawayo city center restaurants was carried out. Focus was on the structural fittings, the provision of facilities, management and personnel's extent of knowledge on food hygiene. Thirty restaurants were selected using systematic sampling method with the aid of the restaurants register. Questionnaires were administered to thirty managers/supervisors and thirty food handlers to assess their extent of knowledge on food hygiene. Observation was the main data collection method used where a checklist was designed to assess compliance in terms of structural fittings as required by the food hygiene legislation. Restaurants were evaluated using special reference to currently enforced pieces of legislation. Data analysis was done using descriptive statistics. Findings revealed that there was limited extent in the level of compliance with the impinging legislation with most restaurants lacking in matters of waste disposal, the frequency of medical check-ups by food handlers and the inspection of premises by the EHOs were also found to be very low.

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