

# Table of Penalties for Food Poisoning Incidents in accordance with Food Law and its Implementing Regulations

# First: Detection of foodborne pathogens through microbiological and chemical tests

Penalty			Type of Violation (Pathogen)	Article
Remarks	Fines in SR			
	Retail outlets, restaurants, public kitchens, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications	Factories, warehouses, distribution centers, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications		
<b>Isolation of a bacterial pathogen associated with the development of disease symptoms (food poisoning incident)</b>				<b>1</b>
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	From affected individuals, workers, foodstuffs, or equipment	1-1
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From affected individuals and workers	2-1
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From affected individuals and equipment	3-1
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From affected individuals and raw food materials	4-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From affected individuals, final food products, or water	5-1
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From workers and equipment	6-1

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	Retail outlets, restaurants, public kitchens, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications	Factories, warehouses, distribution centers, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications		
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From workers and raw food materials	7-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From workers, final food products, or water	8-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From affected individuals, workers, and equipment	9-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From affected individuals, workers, and raw food materials	10-1
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	From affected individuals, workers, and final food product or water	11-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From affected individuals, equipment, and raw food materials	12-1

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	Retail outlets, restaurants, public kitchens, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications	Factories, warehouses, distribution centers, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications		
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	From affected individuals, equipment, and final food product or water	13-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From workers, equipment, and raw food materials	14-1
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	From workers, equipment, and final food product or water	15-1
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	From affected individuals, equipment, workers, and raw food materials	16-1
Per each affected individual	(15,000)	(30,000)	From affected individuals, workers, equipment, and final food product or water	17-1
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From equipment and raw food materials	18-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From equipment and final food product or water	19-1
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From raw food materials and final food product or water	20-1

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<b>Isolation of a Virus Causing Foodborne Infection (Food Poisoning Incident)</b>				<b>2</b>
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	From affected individuals, workers, foodstuffs, or equipment	1-2
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From affected individuals and foodstuffs	2-2
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From affected individuals and equipment	3-2
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From affected individuals and workers	4-2
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From foodstuffs and equipment	5-2
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From foodstuffs and workers	6-2
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	From equipment and workers	7-2
Per each affected individual	(15,000)	(30,000)	From affected individuals, workers, foodstuffs, and equipment	8-2

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<b>Detection and classification of toxins causing food poisoning incident</b>				<b>3</b>
<b>Detection and classification of bacterial toxins</b>				<b>1-3</b>
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	From affected individuals, foodstuffs, workers, equipment, or any of them	1-1-3
Per each affected individual	(15,000)	(30,000)	Detection and classification of Clostridium botulinum toxins from affected individuals or food products	2-1-3
Per each affected individual	(30,000)	(60,000)	Detection and classification of Clostridium botulinum toxins from affected individuals and food products	3-1-3
Per each affected individual	(9,000)	(18,000)	Detection and classification of mycotoxins from affected individuals and food products at concentrations exceeding the permitted limits	2-3
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	Isolation of one of the naturally occurring toxins in fish	3-3
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	Isolation of one of the naturally occurring toxins in mushroom	4-3

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Detection and classification of harmful chemical compound residues				4
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	Detection of heavy metals residues at concentrations exceeding the permitted limits and determination of their concentrations in affected individuals, food or both	1-4
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	Detection of pesticide or veterinary drug residues at concentrations exceeding the permitted limits and determination of their concentrations in affected individuals, food or both	2-4
Per each affected individual	(12,000)	(24,000)	Detection of harmful chemical, natural substances, or food additives that cause food poisoning in affected individuals , food or both	3-4
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	Confirmation of the similarity and consistency of clinical symptoms observed in affected individuals from multiple unrelated families or locations, linked only by the consumption of food from a single source, in combination with the effects caused by a pathogenic microorganism, or microbial or chemical toxins transmitted through food or water, as well as the incubation period and other elements of the epidemiological investigation even if laboratory results are negative (including affected individuals, workers, equipment, and food)	5

## Second: Failure to implement good hygiene practices and improper food storage

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	Retail outlets, restaurants, public kitchens, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications	Factories, warehouses, distribution centers, transport companies, and their associated delivery applications		
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	The total bacterial count (bacterial load) in the food exceeds the permitted limits (rendering it unfit for human consumption), with the presence of the pathogenic microorganism causing the incident or other disease-causing agents	6
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	Detection of pathogenic coliform bacteria in foodstuff, water, or swabs from equipment, tools, or other devices, with confirmatory testing verifying the presence of pathogenic genera such as (e.g., <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> , <i>Enterobacter</i> , etc.), in addition to the isolation of the microorganism, toxin, or agent causing the disease symptoms—i.e., the primary cause of the food poisoning incident	7
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	Detection of pathogenic coliform bacteria in foodstuff, water, or swabs from equipment, tools, or other devices with its presence in workers.	8
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	Detection of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (toxin-producing or when the microbial count exceeds the limits specified in the approved technical regulations) in swabs from tools, equipment, food items, or (nail, nasal, or throat swabs), along with the identification of the cause of the food poisoning incident, whether it is a microorganism, toxin, pesticide, heavy metal, or other agent	9
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	Detection of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (toxin-producing or when the microbial count exceeds the limits specified in the approved technical regulations) in swabs from tools, equipment, food items, and (nail, nasal, or throat swabs), along with the identification of the cause of the food poisoning incident, whether it is a microorganism, toxin, pesticide, heavy metal,	10

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Internal parasites				11
Per each affected individual	(3,000)	(6,000)	Detection of pathogenic internal parasites in workers, along with (a food item or water) at the establishment found responsible for poisoning incident (due to the presence of a pathogenic microbe, toxin, pesticide, heavy metal, etc.), while the affected individuals test negative for these parasites	1-11
Per each affected individual	(6,000)	(12,000)	Detection of pathogenic internal parasites in workers, food, or water at the establishment found responsible for the food poisoning incident (due to the presence of a pathogenic microbe, toxin, pesticide, heavy metal, etc.), while the affected individuals are found positive for the same type of parasites	2-11

## **General provisions:**

- Food poisoning penalties shall be approved by the Minister of Municipalities and Housing and SFDA Chief Executive Officer, each within their respective jurisdiction, in accordance with the above table. The Minister or the SFDA Chief Executive Officer may impose any of the non-monetary sanctions stipulated in Article 36 of the Food Law.
- If a food poisoning incident results in death or permanent damage, the penalties in the table above shall apply. Furthermore, the case shall be referred to the public prosecution for the purpose of proceeding with the regulatory procedures in accordance with Article 36 of the Food Law.
- Fines shall be doubled if the same violation is repeated within one year from the date of committing the previous violation.
- The warning principle does not apply to the violation listed in the table above.

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