



## **About The Chartered Trading Standards Institute**

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) is the professional membership association for trading standards in the UK. Founded in 1881, we represent the interests of trading standards officers and their colleagues working in the UK.

At CTSI and through the trading standards profession we aim to promote good trading practices and to protect consumers. We strive to foster a strong vibrant economy by safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of citizens through empowering consumers, encouraging honest business, and targeting rogue practices.

We provide information, guidance and evidence based policy advice to support local and national stakeholders including central and devolved governments.

Following a Government reorganisation of the consumer landscape, CTSI are responsible for business advice and education in the area of trading standards and consumer protection legislation. To this end, we have developed the [Business Companion website](#) to deliver clear guidance to businesses on how to meet their legal and regulatory obligations.

CTSI are also responsible for the [Consumer Codes Approval Scheme](#) which facilitates high principles of assisted self regulation through strict codes of trading practice. This ensures consumers can have confidence when they buy from members of an approved scheme and also raises the standards of trading of all businesses that operate under the relevant sector's approved code.

CTSI is also a key member of the [Consumer Protection Partnership](#), set up by central government to bring about better coordination, intelligence sharing and identification of future consumer issues within

# Private COVID-19 Testing Validation Consultation

## Consultation Purpose

### Overarching policy objective

The consultation sets out that a -  
19 in the long term is to facilitate and empower a thriving private sector market for COVID-19  
detection tests to supplement and support NHS testing. This will support the safeguarding of

## **Relevant Questions and CTSI Responses**

**Do you agree or disagree that the range of enforcement powers set out above is appropriate and proportionate as a first line response for breaches of regulation that may arise?**

We agree that these appear to be a good range of sanctions, however, these are not enforcement powers as mentioned in the question. We would consider it imperative that the powers for enforcement officers are made clear.

