



## Edmunds Fine Dining fined £5,300 for mice infestation

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*The company behind Edmunds Fine Dining has been fined £5,300 after a mouse infestation was discovered by health inspectors at its Brindleyplace premises.*



*Parent firm Casamou Ltd admitted nine breaches of food safety regulations at Birmingham magistrates.*

*Nicola Lea, prosecuting for the city council, said the restaurant now has a five-star hygiene rating. But it was served with an emergency prohibition notice in January 2015 which had forced it to close for one day.*

*Ms Lea said environmental health officers had visited the restaurant on January 20 last year after receiving a complaint.*

*Officers found mouse droppings throughout the premises, a lack of effective cleaning and no evidence of a food safety management plan.*

*They also discovered out of date milk and cream in the fridges.*

*She added: "Officers served the notice on January 20 and returned to carry out a follow-up inspection on January 21 and the premises was allowed to reopen.*

*"There was a subsequent inspection in March 2015 and they now have a five-star rating."*

*She added that a food safety management plan was drawn up after the visits and said there had been a high level of co-operation, including the steps to resolve the problems.*

*In mitigation for Casamou Ltd, lawyer Mr Smith described the incident as “very unfortunate” and said Edmunds had received a clean bill of health from a pest control company on the very same day of the visit.*

*He also said the complaint had been made anonymously and that the venue had been closed in the two days before the visit.*

*He said in those two days no cooking had taken place and any out of date food would have been checked and disposed of.*

*He added: “The visit took place on a Tuesday. The restaurant is closed on Sunday and Monday and a member of staff should have attended work to carry out cleaning duties.*

*“There was a system in place, but the system failed because the member of staff did not attend work. The company co-operated fully with the local authority and subsequently received a five-star rating, which is still in place.”*