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A British retailer, focused on own label businesses, including food, clothing, home and food products, in the UK and internationally required the support of RGIS. The retailer operates a family of businesses, selling high-quality, great value own-brand products in the UK and in 62 countries, from 1,519 stores and 44 websites globally. The British retailer have over 950 UK stores, with over 650 having a full food offering.

### REQUIREMENT

The retailer wanted to **measure and track the on-shelf availability (OSA)** of the food offering across all categories on a trending basis, and use that information to **drive better supply into stores and replenishment routines**.

The retailer required RGIS to provide the following:

- **National coverage**
- **Unannounced audits** at stores
- **Monthly visits** to be completed
- **Identify gaps** in food offering at different times of the day

### SOLUTION

The retailer partnered with RGIS to complete the **on-shelf availability project**, and RGIS provided the following:

- **Experienced RGIS auditors** visited all the retailer's food stores on a monthly basis
- At different times of day (morning, noon and afternoon) on a rolling basis to **scan all items on the food display on the shop floor**
- Where there was no product on the shelf, then the shelf edge label was not scanned
- The accurate reports produced by RGIS were **compared in program to the expected range file** of that specific store
- Lines not scanned produced a report of 'not available lines', which were then **followed up by the RGIS team**, who looked for the missing inventory in the stockroom
- If missing items were found, these were recorded as 'in store, but not available to customer' on the report
- Lines not found at all were classed as 'out of stock'

### RESULTS

The retailer found by outsourcing the **on-shelf availability project** to RGIS, the following results were achieved:

- The final report was shared with the retailer which gave an **accurate percentage availability per category for each store**, and this classed store availability as red, amber or green per trading category
- Results were **shared with each store and numerous internal stakeholders**, in order to understand reasons for out of stocks and to drive improved performance at store (replenishment) or via head office functions (buying, merchandising, supply chain and logistics)

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