

# Newsletter – August 2024

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## Government

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HM Treasury

### Autumn Budget 2024 stakeholder representations

His Majesty's Treasury has [opened](#) the period for submission of written stakeholder representations to the Autumn Budget 2024 and/or Spending Review, which will be delivered by the Chancellor on 30 October.

HM Treasury welcomes comments on existing policy, or suggestions for new policy. Representations should be evidence based and contain policy suggestions for the upcoming fiscal event and explain the policy rationale, costs, benefits and deliverability of proposals. Representations will be accepted until 23:59 on 10 September.



### New Welsh First Minister appointed

On 6 August, the Welsh Senedd was recalled to formally [appoint](#) Eluned Morgan (Baroness Morgan of Ely) as the new Welsh First Minister, following the resignation of Vaughan Gething in July. Huw Irranca-Davies is the new Deputy First Minister.

# Food safety

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## Vital 4.0 launched

On 13 August, the Allergen Bureau launched its latest update to their Voluntary Incidental Trace Allergen Labelling (VITAL) programme, VITAL 4.0, which supersedes VITAL 3.0. Key updates include the adoption of ED<sub>05</sub>-based Reference Doses. For more information, including a [Summary and FAQs document](#), please see the [Allergen Bureau VITAL website](#).



## Summary of responses to FSA/FSS consultation on official controls on HRFNAO

On 24 July, the Food Standards Authority (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) published the [summary of responses](#) to the consultation on proposed amendments to assimilated Regulation 2019/1793, on official controls applied to imported High Risk Food and Feed Not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO).

Adjustments are being proposed to reflect food and feed safety risks. The FSA considers that amending assimilated Regulation 2019/1793 remains the preferred option. Additional changes on Fenugreek leaves and peppers have been proposed.



## FSA September Board meeting

The next FSA Board meeting will take place between 09:00-14:55 on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at Holiday Inn Peterborough West, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SG. You can [register](#) to attend it in person or to watch it live online. The agenda with papers will be on the [FSA website](#) from 5 September.



## NML 2023 Annual Review

The UK National Measurement Laboratory for Chemical and Bio-Measurement (NML) hosted at LGC has published its [2023 Annual Review](#), outlining the work carried out in 2023. This report explores the NML's 2023 highlights, numbers and impact, and dives deeper into case studies and testimonials of how the NML is supporting real world challenges, including those relating to the food sector (e.g. metrology of nanomaterials, recycling technology, traceability of nano- and microplastics in food safety).



## EU ban on smoke flavourings – legislation published

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2067](#) of 31 July 2024 has been published, amending [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 1321/2013](#) as regards the deletion of entries SF-001 to SF-010 from the Union list of authorised smoke flavouring primary products, thus banning the use of all smoke flavourings in the EU. It came into force on 21 August.

The Regulation includes transition periods for the sale of products placed on the market before 21 August which contain the banned smoke flavourings (1 July 2029 for cheese, meat, fish and products thereof, and 1 July 2026 for all other food categories) and preparations containing smoke flavouring primary products not intended to be consumed as such.



## China draft code of practice for the control of acrylamide

The Chinese government has [notified](#) the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a new National Food Safety Standard Code of Practice for Principle for the control of acrylamide contamination in food (see EN [translation](#)). Final date for comments is 9 September.



## ACRYRED Acrylamide and process formed contaminants: A supply chain approach

ESA will present on acrylamide mitigation in the European savoury snacks industry as part of a [two-day event](#) to be held in Brussels on 4-5 September 2024.

The [ACRYRED COST Action](#) project is collaborating with the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) and the Association of Applied Biologists (AAB) to bring together plant breeders, farmers, European food processors, toxicologists, public regulators and consumer interest groups to explore the effectiveness of current and new approaches needed along the full supply chain.



## Codex starts work on revision of acrylamide code of practice

Codex has circulated an “Invitation to participate in the Codex Working Group on the Review of the Code of Practice on Acrylamide” and issued a “Request for information on measures to prevent or reduce acrylamide formation”. FoodDrinkEurope, which is an observer member at Codex, will register to participate in the electronic Working Group.

## Health and wellbeing

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### FSS position statement on UPF

On 28 August, FSS issued a [position statement](#) on ultra-processed foods (UPF), setting out the importance played by processing of food. In the statement, FSS notes that it does not consider the available evidence on UPF to be robust enough to warrant a change to the existing dietary advice or policy in Scotland, based on nutrient content and the [Eatwell guide](#).



### POST briefing on UPF

The Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology (POST) has released a briefing document on [‘Health impacts of ultra-processed foods’](#), examining and summarising the academic evidence on the impacts of UPF on human health.

The report considers the Nova classification system, along with other classification systems used internationally, the use of the term ‘UPF’, patterns of consumption, health outcomes and corresponding studies. It also covers the challenges and innovations in research.



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### UKNHCC scientific opinions on beta glucans and blood glucose

On 14 August, the UK Nutrition and Health Claims Committee (UKNHCC), part of the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID), issued a [scientific opinion](#) on the cause-and-effect relationship of beta-glucan from oats or barley and reduction of blood glucose rise after a meal.

The committee agreed that the evidence is insufficient to demonstrate a cause-and-effect relationship of beta-glucan and reduction of post-prandial glycaemic response at doses  $\leq 2\text{g}$  per 30g available carbohydrate.



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### UKNHCC scientific opinions on creatine and cognitive function

On 14 August, the UKNHCC also issued a [scientific opinion](#) on the cause-and-effect relationship between creatine supplementation and improved cognitive function. The committee concluded that cause-and-effect relationship has not been established between the consumption of less than or equal to ( $\leq$ ) 3g per day creatine and improved cognitive function.



### FSA report on compliance with School Food Standards

On 1 August, the FSA published a [report](#) on a pilot assessment with the aim of establishing whether Food Safety Officers carrying out hygiene inspections could also take on compliance with School Food Standards.

The results showed food safety officers could conduct checks of the standards, although some pressures on their workload were reported. It also highlighted inconsistencies in the application of checks and communication. Recommendations included creating a standardised follow-up process for potential non-compliance.



### FDA publishes draft voluntary sodium reduction targets

On 16 August, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) published its [Phase II draft voluntary sodium reduction targets](#) for packaged foods and restaurant foods, which are being consulted on until 14 November. A table of the new draft sodium targets can be accessed [here](#).

Once published, the targets will allow 3 years for compliance. The FDA also published [preliminary findings](#) about the food industry's progress towards the [Phase I targets](#), assessing compliance from October 2021 to April 2024.

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### New date for Defra's GI conference

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has rescheduled its conference on Geographical Indications (GIs), which was due to take place during the pre-election period. This will now be a hybrid event (in-person and online), at the Leonardo Royal Hotel, London St. Paul's, from 10am on 3 September. To sign up for the event, click [here](#).



### FSA research on verification of origin

The FSA has published a [report](#) on the 'Review of capability of methods for verification of country of origin for food and feed', funded by the FSA and Defra.

It concludes that there is no unequivocal single technique to verify claimed origin of food and feed and identifies a number of barriers to geographical verification. The report also makes several recommendations for future direction.



## FSS consultation on BFR implementation in Scotland

On 19 August, FSS launched a 6-week [consultation](#) on the implementation of the amendments to the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 (BFR) in Scotland, which includes the introduction of the mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid, and the potential impact it may have on stakeholders as well as associated estimated costs.

## Environment and sustainability

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### Defra August R&W Forum

Defra held its February [Resources and Waste \(R&W\) forum](#) on 19 August. The forum covered updates on circular economy and a delivery update on the Collection and Packaging Reforms. The [next](#) R&W forum will take place on 4 September, from 2-3:30pm and will be a repeat of 19 August forum.



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### EPR illustrative base fees for 2025/26 published

On 15 August, Defra published [illustrative base fees](#) for the first year (2025/26) of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) payments. The document was published on behalf of the UK Government, the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland (NI), the Scottish Government (SG), and the Welsh Government (WG).

Government intends to publish refined figures for the illustrative base fees in September 2024, once the data received via the Government's Report Packaging Data (RPD) online portal has been further reviewed and evaluated. Illustrative fees are also subject to the 2024 spending review. Final fee rates for the first year of EPR for packaging won't be known until after 1 April 2025.



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### Defra reminder on EPR data reporting

The EPR RPD tool began accepting large producer data submissions for January to June 2024 data from 9 August 2024. This includes packaging data and organisation data submissions.

If you are obligated to [report](#) data and have all the data under the new rules for 2024, you should report it in two batches:

- Jan-Jun.24 data to be reported must be submitted by 1 October 2024.
- Jul-Dec.24 data to be reported from 1 January 2025, this must be submitted by 1 April 2025.

## **SEEBEYOND** SEEBEYOND webinar on 3 September

On 3 September, from 10:00-11:00, the Environment Agency (EA) will host a [webinar](#) to provide an update to industry on the completion of phase 1 of the [SEEBEYOND](#) project, which will inform next steps on environment workstream of the government's Food Data Transparency Partnership (FDTP).

The logo for POST, consisting of the word "POST" in white capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

### POST briefing on reducing plastic waste

On 31 July, POST published a briefing document titled '[Reducing plastic waste](#)', summarising what changes in approaches to UK plastic waste management maybe required if ambitious internationally legally binding targets are agreed.

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### POST briefing on food waste

Also in July, POST published a briefing on '[Food Waste](#)', assessing interventions to prevent edible food waste, which contributes greenhouse emissions throughout its lifecycle from production to disposal.

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### WRAP consultations on plastics

WRAP is currently consulting on [proposed changes](#) to its [UK Plastics Pact Roadmap to 2025](#). Changes are required to reflect changes to the timings for introduction of the packaging reforms, which will now extend beyond 2025. The [survey](#) is open until 5pm on 12 September.

Defra is also [consulting](#) on a broader list of plastic materials not effectively recyclable at scale or within Simpler Recycling. This [survey](#) also closes on 12 September.

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### WRAP LED 4 Food Project

WRAP has launched a [website](#) to support the LED-4 Food Project. Funded by Defra, the Project aims to create an evidence base and enable data sharing to support sector action to reduce negative environmental impacts across the food system.

The project will use and expand the [HESTIA database](#), which provides free, harmonised data on production practices and environmental impacts of farms and food products.

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### Potato Seed Classification Scheme 2024 summary of applications published

On 16 August, Defra [published](#) an updated summary of applications made under the Potato Seed Classification Scheme for 2024.



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### 2024 Sustainable Farming Incentive agreements

On 5 August, Defra [announced](#) the opening of the application period for the 2024 Sustainable Farming Incentive agreements. New [guidance and updates](#) to the 'Find funding for land or farms' tool are also available. Farmers who want to apply can contact the [Rural Payments Agency](#) (RPA) to express their interest.



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## Farmer Opinion Tracker

On 31 July, Defra [published](#) the latest Farming Opinion Tracker for England, providing a snapshot of the views and opinions of the sector between the end of April and the beginning of June. The figures show that confidence remains poor. As a response, on 1 August, the government [announced](#) its commitment to introduce a new deal for farmers and provide stability for the farming sector.



## Rapid Flood Guidance trial ends soon

The trial [Rapid Flood Guidance](#) (RFG) service, run by the Food Forecasting Centre (FFC), will end on 30 September. Sign up [here](#) to support the responder community.



## EU potato production statistics

On 8 August, Eurostat published new [statistics](#) on production, prices and trade for the EU potato sector. The accompanying [press release](#) points to a long-term decline in the harvested production of potatoes from 2000 to 2023, although 2023 numbers were slightly higher than 2022 numbers.

## Groceries supply chain

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## 'Mmmake your mark' campaign

The 'Mmmake Your Mark' campaign was launched on 28 August. It aims to amplify the collective voice of industry and government to showcase why UK food and drink is such a vibrant industry to work in, and champion its career opportunities.

For more information, [contact](#) the Institute for Grocery Distribution (IGD) and check out the [campaign film](#). Other resources include a [campaign toolkit](#) and [guide](#) to supporting the campaign on LinkedIn and share within your teams to plan activities.



## CMA update on competition and profitability in the groceries sector

On 26 July, the Competitions and Markets Authority (CMA) published a [report](#) updating its [initial analysis](#) of supermarket profitability. This update covers CMA's recent work on road fuel prices, groceries, infant formula, vet services, online shopping and housing.



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## Food Chain Productivity Statistics 2022

On 25 July, Defra published a [report](#) titled 'Total Factor Productivity of the United Kingdom Food Chain 2022'. This provides an analysis of the volume or value of output compared to the volume or value of labour, capital and purchases in 2022, and provides a measure of efficiency. Presented as an index, it relates major inputs of labour, intermediate purchases, and capital consumption to outputs (turnover).

# Plant protection products

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## **2023-24 CIPC report submitted**

The first annual report from the chlorpropham (CIPC) Residues Management Group (CRMG) has now been submitted to the Health and Safety Executive's Chemical Regulation Division (CRD). The report covers crops from the 2023-24 storage season which have been held in UK stores which have previously been treated with CIPC. A total of 102 samples were collected as part of the exercise.

GB Potatoes has indicated that it will provide funding for the work in the next season. Contact [adrian@potatostorageinsight.com](mailto:adrian@potatostorageinsight.com) if you can support the group's efforts.



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## **PRiF Reporting Data May 2024**

On 19 August, Defra published the [Rolling Reporting Data for May 2024](#) by the Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) for from Great Britain (GB) and NI. No issues were identified for potatoes.



## **EU withdrawal of authorisation for Metribuzin notified to the WTO**

Following discussion in the EU Standing Committee in July, a draft Regulation concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance metribuzin (herbicide), has been submitted to the [WTO Technical Barriers to Trade](#) system. A final vote is expected in the Standing Committee in October.

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## **EU-GB trade in seed potatoes**

The EU will be carrying out a plant health audit on seed potatoes in the UK latter this year. It is believed that this is the first significant step in re-establishing the UK's seed potato trade with the EU.

See [here](#) for a full list of the EU audits to be complete before end 2024.



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## **Defra note on Common User Charge (CUC)**

On 16 August, Defra issued a [note](#) in relation to the impact of the CUC introduced by the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) on 30 April.

Amongst others, the note reminds stakeholders that an import notification is not required for medium risk B and low risk plant and plant products, but if a notification is made for these products, a £29 charge will apply for each commodity line, up to the limit of five lines per Common Health Entry Document (CHED). More information can be found [here](#).



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### Defra research pm NTM barriers to trade

Defra has commissioned the Andersons Centre, to carry out research to assess the impact of Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) on UK exports to the EU and on GB trade with NI and are interested in views on a number of issues related to exports of potatoes and seed potatoes.

Andersons will be conducting interviews up until 27 September. To take part, please contact [Michael Haverty](#) at the Andersons Centre.



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### BTOM inspection rates amended

On 9 August, Defra updated its [guidance](#) on inspection rates carried out under the BTOM for certain categories.



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### Upcoming changes to import notifications for HRFNAO

The single CHED D for HRFNAO goes live on Tuesday 3 September. This change aligns the import notifications for both the EU and Rest of the World (RoW) countries. All draft CHED Ds must be submitted before the switchover deadline at 12.01am on Tuesday 3 September.

More information can be found [here](#). A webinar on the new CHED Part 1 notification for HRFNAO can be accessed [here](#).



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### NIRMS guidance amended

On 6 August, Defra published amended [guidance](#) on the labelling requirements for certain products moved from GB to NI via the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS).

Defra has also updated the list of [commodity codes](#) covered by Phase 1, which now also includes the codes for products that will be covered by Phase 2.

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### Potato Days 2024

Potato Days UK will be held on 4-5 September 2024 at Dyson Farming's Nocton Estate, near Lincoln, bringing together farmers, growers and suppliers to see what's new and share knowledge. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



### FDF State of Industry report Q2 2024

On 15 August, the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) published its [State of Industry Report Q2 2024](#). According to the report, business confidence fell to -6% in Q2, the first negative result since Q2 2023, mainly driven by SMEs. But the report also finds that manufacturers are seeking opportunities for long-term investment to secure food supply and to create healthier and more sustainable products.

## FDF Innovation for Healthier Diets 2024



The FDF has announced its new ongoing efforts to promote healthier diets through the Innovation for Healthier Diets campaign, aiming to showcase members' efforts in reformulation, innovation and portion control, explain the challenges and complexities involved and amplify government asks to support businesses in these areas. As part of the campaign, the FDF will issue a new report with members' case studies on innovation and reformulation on 9 September, and, on 11 November, will host a Parliamentary tasting event.



### IFST Technical Briefs on Food Reformulation for Fats and Sugars

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) has published new Technical Briefs on Food Reformulation for [Fats](#) and [Sugars](#).



### IFST updated Information Statement on Dioxins

The IFST has updated its [Information Statement](#) on Dioxins and Dioxin-like compounds in foods and feed.

## PPA committee meeting dates 2024

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### PPA Board

November (Date TBC)	TBC	TBC
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### Food Law and Consumer [FLC] committee

14 November (TBC)	10:30-14:00	London – UK Flour & Millers
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### Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee

October/November (TBC)	TBC	TBC
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## PPA circulars issued in August 2024

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Historic PPA circulars from 2022 onwards are also stored online via the 'SLACK' system. If you would like access to this system, please inform the secretariat and we will grant you access to the system.

### Food Law and Consumer Committee (FLC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
02-Aug	Smoke Flavourings: Commission Implementing Regulation published	309/24
05-Aug	Smoke Flavourings: EFA external Information Letter for customer / sector associations & federations	310/24
06-Aug	RASFFs Week 31/2024	311/24
06-Aug	Defra NI Labelling guidance	312/24
12-Aug	Issue with circulars resulting for recent changes to email addresses	313/24
12-Aug	RASFFs Week 32/2024	314/24
12-Aug	Defra information on BTOM and Common User Charges webinar tomorrow (13/08)	315/24
12-Aug	WRAP invite to join Food Sector Advisory Group	316/24
13-Aug	Informal summary report of the EC Working Group on agricultural contaminants of 8 July 2024	317/24

13-Aug	FDF Final Draft Allergen Recall Prevention and update to VITAL 4.0	318/24
15-Aug	China: Draft National Food Safety Standard Code of Principle for The Control of Acrylamide Contamination in Food Notified to WTO	319/24
15-Aug	EPR illustrative base fees for 2025/26 and upcoming webinar	320/24
19-Aug	RASFFs Week 33/2024	321/24
19-Aug	Commission investigation into supply chain agreements	322/24
19-Aug	Draft FLC Risk Matrix review	323/24
20-Aug	FSS consultation on implementation of BFR in Scotland	324/24
20-Aug	Defra information on upcoming changes to import documentation for HRFNAO and others (BTOM)	325/24
21-Aug	FDF Summary of EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulations (PPWR)	326/24
22-Aug	Codex activity on acrylamide	327/24
23-Aug	COT statement on titanium dioxide (E171)	328/24
23-Aug	ESA Process contaminants issues tracker	329/24
26-Aug	Updated ESA Reactive Statement on Smoke Flavourings + Q&A	330/24
27-Aug	RASFFs Week 34/2024	331/24
28-Aug	FSS position statement on processed foods and health	332/24
29-Aug	ESA 'General' Contaminants Issue Tracker	333/24
29-Aug	Refresh of the PPA brand identify	334/24
30-Aug	Monthly digest of EU legislation (August 2024)	335/24
30-Aug	Plant protection products and biocides log – August 2024	336/24
30-Aug	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: August 2024	337/24

#### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
07-Aug	Draft Agenda PPTC meeting on 12 August 2024	155/24
09-Aug	PPTC Meeting postponed	156/24
09-Aug	WFF update & opportunities for PPA support	157/24
12-Aug	Issue with circulars resulting for recent changes to email addresses	158/24
12-Aug	Demand Analysis Survey for PCN and virus testing facility in Angus (CASI Diagnostics)	159/24
14-Aug	2024 Sustainable Farming Incentive agreements	160/24
15-Aug	China: Draft National Food Safety Standard Code of Principle for The Control of Acrylamide Contamination in Food Notified to WTO	161/24
16-Aug	EU Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/2072)	162/24
19-Aug	PRiF Rolling Reporting Data – May 2024	163/24
19-Aug	Commission investigation into supply chain agreements	164/24
19-Aug	Final minutes of the CRMG meeting on 15 July 2024	165/28
22-Aug	Codex activity on acrylamide	166/24
23-Aug	ESA Process contaminants issues tracker	167/24
27-Aug	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 22 August 2024	168/24
28-Aug	ESA 'General' Contaminants Issue Tracker	169/24
29-Aug	Next PPTC meeting date (doodle poll)	170/24
29-Aug	Refresh of the PPA brand identify	171/24
30-Aug	Monthly digest of EU legislation (August 2024)	172/24
30-Aug	Plant protection products and biocides log – August 2024	173/24
30-Aug	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: August 2024	174/24

## Upcoming events

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3 September 2024	<a href="#">Defra Geographical Indications (GI) Conference 2024, London and online</a>
3 September 2024	<a href="#">EA SEEBEYOND webinar, online</a>
4 September 2025	<a href="#">IChemE conference: UK Food System Challenges: A Dive into the Engineering Needs, Birmingham</a>
4 September 2024	<a href="#">Defra Resources &amp; Waste Forum, online</a>
4-5 September 2024	<a href="#">Potato Days UK 2024, Nocton Farm, Nocton, Lincolnshire</a>
4-5 September 2024	<a href="#">Acryred Cost Action event: Acrylamide and process contaminants, Brussels, Belgium</a>
10-12 September 2024	<a href="#">EU Organic Congress 2024, Budapest, Hungary</a>
10-11 September 2024	<a href="#">6th Symposium of PCN Management, Harper Adams University and online</a>
10-11 September 2024	<a href="#">Speciality &amp; Fine Food Fair, London</a>
11-12 September 2024	<a href="#">Potato Europe 2024, Villers-St-Christophe, France</a>
13 September 2024	<a href="#">FDF/ABB webinar: Robotics in the food industry, online</a>
17-20 September 2024	<a href="#">OrgHort 2024, Warsaw, Poland</a>
18 September 2024	<a href="#">FDF/Valpak webinar: Data reporting for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), online</a>
18 September 2024	<a href="#">FSA Board meeting, Peterborough and online</a>
18-19 September 2024	<a href="#">lunch! The Contemporary food to go show, London</a>
19 September 2024	<a href="#">FDF Awards 2024 Ceremony, London</a>
19-22 September 2024	<a href="#">World Food India 2024, New Delhi</a>
23 September 2024	EU Organic Day
23-24 September 2024	<a href="#">NATEXPO 2023, Lyon, France</a>
24 September 2024	<a href="#">Campden BRI event: Food safety risk management – learning from other industries to drive resilience and agility, Chipping Campden</a>
24-26 September 2024	<a href="#">FoodNavigator Climate Smart Food Digital Summit, online</a>
1 October 2024	<a href="#">GCA 2024 Annual Conference, London and online</a>
2 October 2024	<a href="#">Campden BRI conference: Thermal Processing Conference: Safe Plate 2024, Chipping Campden</a>
7-12 October 2024	<a href="#">European Association for Potato Research (EAPR) 22<sup>nd</sup> Triennial Conference, Fornebu, Norway</a>
14-15 October 2024	<a href="#">IFST Autumn Conference 2024: Food Evolution: From Established Practices to the Future of Food, Leeds</a>
15 October 2024	<a href="#">IGD Live &amp; Connected: Evolving Commercial Relationships: Collaborating For Growth, London</a>
16 October 2024	<a href="#">World Food Day</a>
23 October 2024	FDF Sustainability Strategy, Ambition 2030, London
6 November 2024	<a href="#">Agri-TechE REAP Conference, Cambridge</a>
7-8 November 2024	<a href="#">HZPD Potato Days 2024, Emmeloord area, The Netherlands</a>
11 November 2024	FDF Parliamentary tasting event, London
24-26 November 2024	<a href="#">Interpom 2024, Kortrijk, Belgium</a>
27-28 November 2024	<a href="#">CropTech, NAEC, Stoneleigh</a>
29 October 2024	<a href="#">IFST webinar: Plant Based Foods – Regulatory and Safety considerations for New Product Development (NPD), online</a>
2-4 December 2024	<a href="#">21<sup>st</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress, Taiwan</a>
3 December 2024	FDF Regulatory webinar, online
19-20 November 2025	<a href="#">British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire</a>

## **Industry meetings**

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2 September 2024	Potato Value Chain (PVC) meeting, online
3 September 2024	FDF EPR Advocacy Group meeting, hybrid
4 September 2024	EUPPA Board meeting, Brussels
5 September 2024	Potato Stakeholder Group, fortnightly call
10 September 2024	FDF EPR Advocacy Group, hybrid
10 September 2024	APHA. The SPCS scheme: end of season call, online
12 September 2024	NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum, online
12 September 2024	FDF Customs Working Group (CWG) meeting, hybrid
13 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope Hygiene and Official Controls meeting, hybrid
16 September 2024	NAAC PHTG meeting, online
18 September 2024	FDF Food Law & Labelling (FLL) Committee, hybrid
18 September 2024	FDF Scotland Executive Committee, hybrid
19 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope Information to Consumers meeting, hybrid
19 September 2024	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) meeting, London
19 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope Nutrition meeting, Brussels
19 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope INCO meeting, Brussels
19 September 2024	Potato Stakeholder Group, fortnightly call
20 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope Food Improvement Agents meeting, hybrid
23 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope TRADE Working Group, Brussels
23 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope CONTAM meeting, Brussels
24 September 2024	FoodDrinkEurope Contaminants meeting, hybrid
24 September 2024	FDF Food Safety Committee (FSC) interim call, online
25 September 2024	ESA ECR meeting, online
25 September 2024	National Codex Consultative Committee, online
26 September 2024	ESA NPWG meeting, online
26 September 2024	FDF Nutrition (NUT) Committee meeting, hybrid

## **Documents to note**

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### **Government position/policy papers/guidance and related resources**

#### **EU exit**

[Check if you need to declare goods you bring into or take out of the UK](#)

[DBT Research and analysis: Retained EU law and assimilated law dashboard](#) (last updated 23 July 2024)

[COLLECTION: Customs, VAT and Excise UK transition legislation from 1 January 2021](#) (last updated 1 August 2024)

[DIT/DBT Guidance: UK trade agreements in effect](#) (last updated 30 April 2024)

[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 18 July 2024)

[COLLECTION: REUL \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 statutory instruments](#) (last updated 22 May 2024)

#### **Windsor Framework**

[Defra Guidance: Labelling requirements for certain products moving from GB to retail premises in NI under NIRMS](#) (last updated 5 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme: how to register and seal consignments](#) (last updated 29 February 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Moving food and animal feed from NI to GB](#) (first published 20 February 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Moving plants from GB to NI](#) (last updated 1 February 2024)

[APHA: Move goods under the NI Retail Movement Scheme: General Certificate](#) (last updated 31 May 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to NI](#) (last updated 1 May 2024)

[Defra Policy Paper: Financial support to help businesses meet labelling requirements under the Windsor Framework and extension of Movement Assistance Scheme](#) (last updated 4 April 2024)

[NI-GB Trader Support Service](#)

## **UK Imports**

[Cabinet Office Guidance: The Border Target Operating Model: August 2023](#) (last updated 13 February 2024)

[Defra Q&A: Technical questions and answers about SPS Controls](#) (last updated 15 February 2024)

[Defra Collection: Import risk categories for animals, animal products, plants and plant products](#) (last updated 31 January 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Import food and drink from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 27 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Import plants and plant products from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 16 July 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Import plants and plant products from non-EU countries to GB](#) (last updated 24 May 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Import compound products from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 27 August 2024)

[Defra Promotional Material: Border Operating Model: information leaflets for businesses](#) (last updated 15 February 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Countries GB will accept validated PDF GB health certificates from](#) (last updated 1 May 2024)

[APHA guidance: BTOM risk categorisations \(EU and non-EU plant and plant products\)](#)

[Defra/APHA Guidance: Import risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from the EU to GB: summary tables](#) (last updated 9 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: BTOM risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from non-EU countries to GB: summary tables](#) (last updated 9 August 2024)

[Defra/APHA: Fees for Plant Health Import Inspections in England and Wales 30 April 2024](#)

[Defra guidance: Import high-risk food and feed not of animal origin from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 27 August 2024)

[Defra guidance: Importing and exporting fresh fruit and vegetables](#) (last updated 8 May 2024)

[Defra Collection: Border control posts and charges](#) (first published 12 April 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Sanitary and phytosanitary \(SPS\) checks at border control posts \(BCPs\)](#) (first published 30 April 2024)

[Guidance: Import of products, animals, food and feed system \(IPAFFS\)](#) (last updated 30 April 2024)

[Defra Guidance: IPAFFS: upload commodity details using a CSV file](#) (last updated 14 May 2024)

[APHA Guidance: IPAFFS for Plants Guidance](#)

[APHA IPAFFS FAQs](#) (last updated 11 June 2024)

[APHA IPAFFS – How to locate commodity codes](#)

[HMRC Guidance: Importing SPS controlled goods that interact with ALVS](#) (last updated 18 June 2024)

[HMRC Guidance: HMRC email updates, videos and webinars about importing and exporting](#) (last updated 16 April 2024)

[HMRC Notice: Notices made under the Customs \(Import Duty\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#) (last updated 17 April 2024)

[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 4 July 2024)

[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 14 August 2024)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 24 June 2024)

[Defra: Animal health status of countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 5 July 2024)

[Defra: Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 20 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Check import risk categories, inspection rates and related rules for animals and animal products imported from non-EU countries to GB](#) (last updated 9 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Accredited Trusted Trader Scheme pilot](#) (last updated 24 January 2024)

## **Exports**

[APHA Find an Export Health Certificate website](#)

[APHA Plant Health Portal](#)

[Defra Guidance: Export or move food, drink and agricultural products](#) (last updated 30 April 2024)

[HMRC Notice: Notices made under the Customs \(Export\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (last updated 18 July 2024)

[DBT/DIT Guidance: UK trade agreements in effect](#) (last updated 30 April 2024)

[HMRC guidance: Search the register of customs agents and fast parcel operators](#) (last updated 6 August 2024)

[Defra guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 16 August 2024)

## **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT)**

[EA Guidance: Packaging waste: producer responsibilities](#) (last updated 1 January 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility: example file for packaging data](#) (last updated 14 February 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Packaging data: what to collect for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 15 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: generate a packaging data file](#) (last updated 8 August 2024)

[Defra/EA Guidance: Packaging data: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 15 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Organisation details: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility \(EPR\) for packaging](#) (last updated 15 August 2024)

[Defra/EA Guidance: Extended Producer Responsibility: who is affected and what to do](#) (last updated 15 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging: how to assess household and non-household packaging](#) (first published 11 March 2024)

[Defra Research and analysis: List of large producers on the report packaging data service](#) (last updated 14 August 2024).

[Defra Research and analysis: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: illustrative base fees](#) (first published 15 August 2024).

## **Other**

[DHSC Guidance: Nutrition legislation information sources](#) (last updated 20 February 2024)

[Food Data Transparency Partnership](#)

[Defra Collection: Protected geographical food and drink names: applications, objections and decisions](#) (last updated 9 August 2024)

[AHDB Horticulture and Potatoes Archive website](#)

[Defra Collection: Fertiliser usage](#) (last updated 18 July 2024)

[Environmental management: Water: detailed information](#)

[EA Licence: Abstract water \(England\)](#)

[EA Licence: Impound water \(England\)](#)

[Defra Guidance: SFI Handbook for the SFI 2023 offer](#) (last updated 28 June 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Apply for an SFI agreement](#) (last updated 22 April 2024)

[Defra/RPA/FC Guidance: Funding for farmers, growers and land managers](#) (last updated 5 August 2024)

[Defra/RA Guidance Delinked payments: replacing the Basic Payment Scheme](#) (last updated 31 July 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Basic Payment Scheme](#) (last updated 11 April 2024)

[Defra Collection: Sustainable Farming Incentive: guidance for applicants and agreement holders](#) (last updated 19 June 2024)

[EA Research and analysis. Water situation: area monthly reports for England 2024](#) (last updated 14 August 2024)

[EA Research and analysis: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 15 August 2024)

[BESNZ/DBT Collection: Net Zero Innovation Portfolio](#) (last updated 24 April 2024)

## **Current consultations**

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**WTO:** [Notification on China Draft National Food Safety Standard Code of Principle for The Control of Acrylamide Contamination](#) (closes 9 September 2024)

**WRAP:** [Consultation on UK Plastics Pact \(UKPP\) Draft Roadmap 2025](#) (closes 12 September 2024)

**WRAP:** [Consultation on Eliminating Problem Plastics Report](#) (closes 12 September 2024)

**WG:** [Consultation on 'Proposals to make the food environment healthier'](#) (closes 23 September 2024)

**FSS:** [Consultation on implementation of BFR in Scotland](#) (closes 27 September 2024)

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