

## Newsletter – September 2024

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## Government

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### Announcement on new UK Government measures

The UK Government has announced [a new package of measures](#) including a breakfast club pilot for 750 schools with primary aged pupils, new powers for the Covid Corruption Commissioner, e-invoicing to support business and the next steps on the government's industrial strategy.



### Announcement on new Scottish Government measures

The Scottish Government has published its '[Programme for Government 2024-25: Serving Scotland](#)', building on four key priorities: Eradicating child poverty, growing the economy, tackling climate change and ensuring high quality and sustainable public services.



### European Commission nominates new Commission

On 17 September the European Commission (EC) President Ursula von der Leyen unveiled the [composition](#) and structure of her new Commission and distributed the 26 portfolios. The nominees will need to be endorsed by European Parliament, which will happen after October. Von der Leyen also listed the objectives assigned to each Commissioners-designate (the so-called [mission letters](#)) reflecting the ambitions set out in the Political Guidelines.

# Food safety

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## September FSA Board meeting

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) [Board](#) met on 18 September to discuss a range of issues including FSA science, animal welfare, allergen labelling, and proposals for a phased approach towards a new form of food hygiene regulation for large, national businesses. The [meeting papers](#) and a [recording](#) of the event are available to view.



## FSA/FSS industry advice on mustard powder contamination with peanuts

On 20 September the FSA and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) published an [allergy alert](#) on the contamination of batches of mustard, mustard powder and mustard flour from India with undeclared peanut. The advice states that businesses should complete their traceability exercises on any of the affected ingredients and respond accordingly to ensure consumers are protected.



## New FSA research and evidence website

The FSA is trialling a new (beta) [web platform](#) to better organise and disseminate its science and evidence content. The website allows users to easily search, download and cite FSA content.



## FSA/FSS Food Crime Strategic Assessment 2024

The FSA's National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) and FSS's Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit (SFCIU) have jointly published the [2024 UK Food Crime Strategic Assessment](#).

The report finds significant similarities between the landscape now and that of the previous report from 2020. However, it also highlights new themes linked to factors such as UK economic conditions, geopolitical events and changes to legal frameworks governing the movement of food across UK borders.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

## UKHSA guidelines on microbiological safety of RTE foods

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has updated the '[Guidelines for assessing the microbiological safety of ready-to-eat \(RTE\) foods placed on the market](#)'.

The amended document takes account of the new responsibilities of the UKHSA since the UK left the EU, and includes information on bacterial pathogens, hygiene indicators, interpretation of test results and general good practice.



## WAO paper on Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL)

On 25 September a [scientific paper](#) was published in the World Allergy Organization (WAO) Journal (online). The paper summarises the latest data to inform the application of PAL in a more systematic way, for implementation into global foods standards.

Prospects to develop an effective and homogeneous legislation at global level and the areas of uncertainty that might hinder international agreement on a regulated framework for PAL are also discussed.



## EU allergen labelling exemption for behenic acid from mustard

The EU has published [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2512](#), amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011. This included an exemption from allergen labelling for behenic acid from mustard, when used to product emulsifiers E470a, E471, and E477. This change creates the first divergence in allergen labelling exemptions between the EU and Great Britain (GB). The Regulation will apply from 1 April 2025.

## Health and wellbeing

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### Health Survey for England 2022

NHS England has published the [Health Survey for England 2022](#) (Part 2), providing a snapshot of overweight and obesity in England for adults and children.

According to the survey, 64% of adults (and 27% of children) were overweight or living with obesity, and 29% of adults (and 15% of children) were living with obesity in 2022. Whilst numbers in adults have remained stable, figures for children have slightly decreased.



### School food standards updated

Department  
for Education

On 19 September the Department for Education (DfE) updated several [School Food Standards resources](#) for schools, including the '[School Food Standards practical guide](#)' and guidance on '[Portion sizes and food groups](#)' for primary and secondary schools.

The amended guidance reiterates the exclusion of savoury snacks, except for nuts and seeds, and includes portion sizes for boiled, mashed and jacket potatoes, and potato products where oil/fat has been added before or during the cooking process, including chips, wedges, roast or sauteed potatoes and other potato products.



### Government response to consultation on UK HFSS advertising restrictions published

Department  
of Health &  
Social Care

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has published its [response](#) to the 2022/2023 UK-wide consultation on secondary legislation on advertising restrictions on TV and online for products high in fat, sugar or salt (HFSS) or, more specifically, 'less healthy products' (LHF).

The consultation confirms that government will introduce the advertising restrictions in scope (9pm TV watershed and paid-for online advertising) on 1 October 2025. The Regulation is yet to be published.

As part of the response, a new targeted [consultation](#) was launched on how the restrictions will apply to internet protocol television (IPTV) services which deliver television live over the internet. The consultation is open until 10 October.



### ATNI report on standardisation of NPMs

On 10 September the Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNI) launched a [report](#) titled 'Sector Alignment on the Use of Nutrient Profiling Models'. The report recommends the elements that should be part of a standardised framework for reporting, which should include one or multiple of the following nutrient profiles models: Health Star Rating, Nutri-Score, the UK nutrient profile model.



## IPPR Commission on Health and Prosperity report

On 17 September, the cross-party 'Commission on Health and Prosperity' of the thinktank IPPR published its final report titled '[Our Greatest Asset](#)', reporting on three years of analysis, qualitative work, commissioner debate and stakeholder engagement on Britain's health system.

Amongst other recommendations, the report recommends a 10% tax on non-essential, unhealthy food categories including processed meat, confectionery, cakes and biscuits.

## Food labelling and composition

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### CAP guidance on advertising

On 19 September the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) issued new articles on [Halloween](#) and [Christmas](#) advertising, alerting businesses on what to watch out when advertising during the festive season. On the same day, CAP also issued a new articles on products and services which [claim to treat anxiety](#).



### European Citizens' Initiative 'Stop Fake Food: Origin on Label' launched

The EC has registered a [Citizens' Initiative](#) which calls for European consumers to have access to transparent information about their food, notably calling for the origin of all products entering the internal market to be clearly and explicitly indicated and also for such products to meet the environmental, health and labour standards applicable in the internal market.

## Environment and sustainability

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Update to EPR illustrative base fees

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has updated its [illustrative base fees for Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\) for year 1](#). The illustrative fees have decreased across all materials when compared to the first set of illustrative base fees released in mid-August 2024.



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Defra R&W October forum

Defra will hold its next Resources and Waste (R&W) online forum on 1 October, from 10-11:30am (Business Readiness Forum). The provisional agenda includes updates on EPR legislation and reporting, and the Scheme Administration Steering Group. To register for the event, click [here](#).



Department for  
Business & Trade

## Guidance on sustainability reporting standards published

On 19 September the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) published new guidance on the [UK Sustainability Reporting Standards](#).

The document contains information on the UK government's framework to create UK Sustainability Reporting Standards (UK SRS) by assessing and endorsing the global corporate reporting baseline of International Financing Reporting Standards (IFRS) Sustainability Disclosure Standards.



## Joint Research Centre (JRC) report on sustainable food systems

The JRC of the European Commission published [a report](#) in July titled "Towards sustainable food systems: an analysis of EU policy measures setting environmental sustainability requirements."

This report explores the current state and the environmental impacts of the EU food system. It critically examines the effectiveness of existing EU policy measures in promoting environmental sustainability within the food sector.

## Agriculture

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Agricultural land use in England 2024

On 26 September Defra published the report '[Agricultural land use in England](#)' for 2024, and accompanying dataset, providing estimates on land use, crop areas and land ownership for England from the Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture run by Defra in June.

The report states that the total potato area increased by 1.2% to 83 thousand hectares in 2024, the first increase in area since 2019. This rise was driven by a 7.2% increase in early crop potatoes, with the area of main crop potatoes remaining stable.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Defra farming evidence pack

On 16 September Defra published the '[Farming evidence pack: A high-level overview of the UK agricultural industry](#)', containing key statistics to provide an overview of the agricultural industry. It covers topics such as industry structure, farm economics and accounts, and the environmental challenges faced by agriculture, using detailed analysis from the Farm Business Survey.



## Publication of the report of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture

After months of talks between the [29 members](#) selected to represent stakeholders in the agri-food sector, the [final report](#) of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture was submitted to EU President Ursula von der Leyen in September

The strategic dialogue lists several recommendations, including a paradigm shift for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the agricultural component of the Green Deal and the EU's trade policy. This document will feed into von der Leyen's vision for agriculture and food, which should be presented in the first 100 days of her new mandate.

## **Groceries supply chain**

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Business & Trade

### **Government intervention on late payments and contracts**

DBT has unveiled [a new set of measures](#) to support small businesses and the self-employed by tackling late payments. These include a future consultation on poor payment practices, and new legislation to be brought in the coming weeks that will require larger firms to include payment reporting in their annual reports.



### **Policy Exchange report on UK food security**

A new report from thinktank Policy Exchange, titled '[Strengthening the UK's Food Security: Innovation and investment in the Food Manufacturing Sector](#)', highlights the perceived urgent need for the Government to develop a National Food Security Strategy that encompasses the entire food ecosystem – after years of high food price inflation and supply chains disrupted by the pandemic, the war in Ukraine and climatic events.

## **Plant protection products**

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### **PRiF Reporting Data June-July 2024**

On 25 September Defra published its [Rolling Reporting Data for June and July 2024](#) from the Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) for GB and Northern Ireland (NI). No issues were identified for potatoes.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### **PRiF annual report 2023**

Also on 25 September Defra published the [PRiF annual report](#) for 2023. In 2023, 2,574 samples were collected from both Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), and were tested for up to 418 different pesticide residues in any individual sample.



### **HSE workshop on PPPs**

On 3-4 December 2024 the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) will be running an in-person, 2-day workshop on technical aspects of the environmental fate and behaviour assessments of plant protection products. The event will take place at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel, in York, and the cost of the course is £850 (plus VAT) per person. For more information and to book, click [here](#).



### **HSE survey on GB PPP register and databases**

HSE has launched a survey to inform work on improving the GB Plant Protection Products (GB PPP) Register and databases. The survey closes on 1 October. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

# Trade

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HM Revenue  
& Customs

## Delays to rules on sending parcels to NI announced

On 19 September HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) announced that the arrangements for [sending parcels](#) and freight movements between NI and GB, which were due to kick in from 30 September, will not take effect. The guidance states that businesses should be fully prepared for the changes by 31 March 2025.



## New UK Export Academy free events

The UK Export Academy, in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Export and International Trade, is launching a new [series of free events](#) in October to help food and drink businesses expand their brands globally. Extra sessions will be added monthly until March, including events tailored to specific markets.



HM Revenue  
& Customs

## Trader Support Service Extended

HMRC has announced the extension of the [Trader Support Service](#) (TSS) until the end of 2025. On 16 September, HRMC also announced that a competitive procurement exercise for the next phase of the TSS will begin by early 2025, to deliver ongoing support for traders from 2026.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Further delays to import checks of produce

On 13 September Defra once again extended existing derogations on the requirements for certificates of inspection for imported [organic goods](#) from the EU, European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland, and for certificates of conformity for [fresh fruit and vegetables](#) and certain other products subject to marketing standards from the EU until 1 February 2027.

This extension will allow Defra to further investigate the options for implementing these controls in the most effective manner that minimises burden on the sector and disruption to supply chains.



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## Import checks to medium-risk fruit and vegetables also delayed

Defra has also announced an extension to the easement of import checks on medium-risk fruit and vegetables imported from the EU from January 2025 to 1 July 2025. Such products will not be subject to import checks at the GB border or charged the associated fees until this date.



## Port Health stakeholder forum – 24 October

Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority will be hosting a Port Health Stakeholder Forum on 25 October, from 10am-12pm at the Orwell Hotel, in Felixstowe. Agenda items include legislative changes, policy updates, and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) control measures as part of the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM). To sign up for this free event, click [here](#).



## Government confirmation on GB-wide 'Not for EU' labelling

Defra has announced that it will no longer proceed with implementing GB-wide 'Not for EU' labelling from October 2024. The UK [guidance](#) on the labelling requirements for products moving from GB to retail premises in Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) has been updated to reflect this.

However, the guidance does also state that legislation will be developed *"to apply 'not for EU' labelling in GB in the future in a targeted way, if there is evidence of need"*. A [policy paper](#) has also been published which confirms the decision.



## Kick off of phase 2 of 'Not for EU' labelling

From 1 October, in addition to the phase 1 products, [all milk and dairy products](#) moving to NI under NIRMS will need to be individually labelled at product level. Defra has updated the list of [commodity codes](#) for products in scope of phases 1 and 2.



## Publication of Mario Draghi's report on the future of European competitiveness

On 9 September, Mario Draghi (former governor of the European Central Bank (2011-2019) and former head of the Italian government (2021-2022)) handed over to Ursula von der Leyen his long awaited [report on the future of European Competitiveness](#). The report looks at the challenges faced by companies in the European Single Market, and provides recommendations on how to finance and coordinate Europe's policies to avoid being left behind on the global stage.

## Partners

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### FDF inflation update

On 18 September, the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) published its [August 2024 Prices Dashboard](#), tracking prices of UK food and non-alcoholic drink as well as the prices of agricultural commodities, energy, transportation and packaging.

FDF has also published an [in-depth analysis of inflation](#) figures for August, which shows that food and non-alcoholic drink inflation had continued to ease to 1.3%, down from 5.0% in July. However, prices again increased by 0.2%. According to the analysis, inflation figures for potatoes were at +6.0%, whereas for crisps, they now stand at -1.1%.



### FDF Innovation for Healthier Diets report

On 16 September the FDF launched its report '[Innovation for Healthier Diets](#)', offering a comprehensive overview of the efforts and achievements of FDF members, shedding light on the reformulation journey and innovation driving healthier product development for consumers.

The report also references Kantar Worldpanel data, which shows that products from FDF members now contribute 33% less salt, 25% less sugar and 24% less calories to the GB grocery market compared with 2015.



### FDF Ambition 2030 launch

The FDF will launch its [Ambition 2030](#) environmental strategy at an event on 23 October at London Zoo. Covering Net Zero, Nature Restoration, Sustainable Commodities, Food Waste and Packaging, it sets out how we and manufacturers will tackle these issues to drive food security, working together with stakeholders across the supply chain. This is an invite-only event. Should you wish to attend, email [ambition2030@fdf.org.uk](mailto:ambition2030@fdf.org.uk).



### FDF Trade Snapshot H1 2024

The FDF has also published its [Trade Snapshot: H1 2024](#) report, looking at the state of UK exports and imports in the first half of 2024.

The report shows that food and drink exports have declined to £11.2bn, down by 6.1% for the same period in 2023. This decline is attributed primarily to a drop in alcohol exports.



### IFST webinar on plant-based foods

On 29 October the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) will run a webinar on [‘Plant-Based Foods – Regulatory and Safety Considerations for New Product Development \(NPD\)’](#). For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## PPA committee meeting dates 2024

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#### PPA Board

November/December (Date TBC)	TBC	Physical – Location 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

30 October 2024	TBC	Physical – Location TBC
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## PPA circulars issued in September 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-Sep	RASFFs Week 35/2024	338/24
02-Sep	EFFA Webinar on the use of the term ‘natural’ for flavourings produced with GMM (6 September - 11.30 – ca 12.30 CET)	339/24
02-Sep	Forthcoming WHO guidelines on ultra-processed foods consumption	340/24
03-Sep	FoodDrinkEurope proposed response to latest Commission drafts on Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons	341/24
03-Sep	PPA draft response to WG consultation on healthy food environment (and draft WG guidance)	342/24

04-Sep	EC Reply - Questions and examples for the Commission on Country of Origin for nuts and dried fruits	343/24
04-Sep	Nutrition and Health tracker (Sep.24 update)	344/24
04-Sep	FLC Risk Matrix and policy leads - Jul.24	345/24
06-Sep	European Commission presentation from ACRYRED Conference 4-5 September 2024	346/24
06-Sep	Publication of the report of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of Agriculture in Europe	347/24
09-Sep	CIPC on agenda for next EU Standing Committee	348/24
09-Sep	RASFFs Week 36/2024	349/24
09-Sep	New PPA email address from 10 September	350/24
10-Sep	NPWG Action: clarification on the EFSA mandate on Alternaria toxins	351/24
11-Sep	Draft FLC priorities document 2024-25	352/24
11-Sep	Final Draft FoodDrinkEurope Paper on PAL for approval	353/24
12-Sep	Government response to consultation on secondary legislation on HFSS advertising restrictions published	354/24
12-Sep	PPA final draft response to WG consultation on healthy food environment	355/24
13-Sep	FoodDrinkEurope final response to latest Commission drafts on Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons	356/24
16-Sep	RASFFs Week 37/2024	357/24
16-Sep	FoodDrinkEurope letter to the EC on EU Deforestation Regulation	358/24
17-Sep	European Citizens' Initiative on "Stop Fake Food: Origin on Label"	359/24
17-Sep	UK high-level position on Codex 'Added Sugars' work	360/24
18-Sep	Article on GA	361/24
23-Sep	RASFFs Week 38/2024	362/24
23-Sep	FSA/FSS advice on peanut contaminated mustard	363/24
23-Sep	Final PPA response to WG consultation on proposals to make the food environment healthier	364/24
24-Sep	Codex Additives: Proposals on the use of additives in processed vegetables, batters and herbs & spices	365/24
24-Sep	ATNI report on alignment of Nutrient Profiling Models	366/24
27-Sep	EU Pesticide Renewal Monitor, September 2024	367/24
27-Sep	FSA urgent call for information mustard powder contaminated with peanuts	368/24
30-Sep	Monthly digest of EU legislation (September 2024)	369/24
30-Sep	Plant protection products and biocides log – September 2024	370/24
30-Sep	RASFFs Week 39/2024	371/24
30-Sep	Publication of updated Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Illustrative Base Fees	372/24
30-Sep	Confirmation on GB-wide 'Not for EU' labelling	373/24
30-Sep	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: September 2024	374/24

#### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
02-Sep	Plant Health Register of Reviewers	175/24
06-Sep	European Commission presentation from ACRYRED Conference 4-5 September 2024	176/24
06-Sep	Publication of the report of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of Agriculture in Europe	177/24
09-Sep	CIPC on agenda for next EU Standing Committee	178/24

09-Sep	New PPA email address from 10 September	179/24
13-Sep	Confirmation of next PPTC meeting date	180/24
13-Sep	HSE has launched a survey to inform work on improving the GB PPP Register and databases	181/24
18-Sep	Article on GA	182/24
21-Sep	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 19 September 2024	183/24
23-Sep	Minutes of CRMG meeting on 19 August 2024	184/24
25-Sep	Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) annual report 2023	185/24
25-Sep	Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) Rolling Reporting Data - June and July 2024	186/24
27-Sep	EU Pesticide Renewal Monitor, September 2024	187/24
30-Sep	Monthly digest of EU legislation (September 2024)	188/24
30-Sep	Plant protection products and biocides log – September 2024	189/24
30-Sep	CASI-Hutton validation workshop ppt and meeting minutes and NFUS Future Support Briefing (July 2024)	190/24
30-Sep	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: September 2024	191/24

## Upcoming events

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1 October 2024	<a href="#">GCA 2024 Annual Conference, London and online</a>
1 October 2024	<a href="#">Defra Business Readiness Forum, online</a>
1 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Distribution demystified: Getting your food products on the shelves in Australia and New Zealand, online</a>
2 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Logistics unleashed: Moving your food and drink down-under to Australia and New Zealand, online</a>
2 October 2024	<a href="#">Campden BRI conference: Thermal Processing Conference: Safe Plate 2024, Chipping Campden</a>
3 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Regulation ready: A guide to food standards down-under in Australia and New Zealand, online</a>
3 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Get a taste of trade: how to kick start your food and drink business' international growth, online</a>
4 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Marketing Mastery: Winning marketing strategies when selling your food and drink to Australia, online</a>
7 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Don't get canned: navigate international food and drink legislation with confidence, online</a>
7-12 October 2024	<a href="#">European Association for Potato Research (EAPR) 22<sup>nd</sup> Triennial Conference, Fornebu, Norway</a>
8 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Flavours of Opportunity: Tap into India's thriving food and drink market, online</a>
9 October 2024	<a href="#">FDF/Lexington webinar: Labour in Government: The politics influencing the food &amp; drink sector, online</a>
14 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Don't let your food and drink perish at the border: how to choose the payment terms and Incoterms that are right for you, online</a>
14-15 October 2024	<a href="#">IFST Autumn Conference 2024: Food Evolution: From Established Practices to the Future of Food, Leeds</a>
14-16 October 2024	<a href="#">ESA Production Course Part 3 – Snack Nuts: Origin to Packet, Valencia, Spain</a>
15 October 2024	<a href="#">FDF/Argentex webinar: Top 5 Considerations for Your 2025 Budget Rate, online</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>

21 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: 12 steps to ensuring your culinary creations meet global sanitary standards, online</a>
23 October 2024	FDF Sustainability Strategy, Ambition 2030, London
23 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Taste of Opportunity: Exploring the UAE's Food and Drink Landscape, online</a>
25 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Serving up International Success: Nairn's Oatcakes Journey to New Markets, online</a>
29 October 2024	<a href="#">IFST webinar: Plant Based Foods – Regulatory and Safety considerations for New Product Development (NPD), online</a>
30 October 2024	<a href="#">UK Export Academy: Flavours of Arabia: Exploring the Vibrant Saudi Food and Drink sector, online</a>
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>
9-5 November 2025	<a href="#">Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany</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>
2-4 December 2024	<a href="#">21<sup>st</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress, Taiwan</a>
3 December 2024	FDF Regulatory webinar, online
3-4 December 2024	<a href="#">HSE workshop: Technical fate and behaviour assessment of PPPs, York</a>
27-28 March 2025	<a href="#">Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, Paris</a>
12-14 May 2025	<a href="#">World Retail Congress, London</a>
3-4 September 2025	<a href="#">Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands</a>
19-20 November 2025	<a href="#">British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire</a>

## **Industry meetings**

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1 October 2024	ESA Sustainability Group (SUS), online
3 October 2024	FDF Allergen Steering Group (ASG), hybrid
3 October 2024	Potato Stakeholder Group, fortnightly call
3 October 2024	ESA Public Affairs and Communications (PAC) WG, Brussels
7 October 2024	Potato Value Chain (PVC) call, online
8 October 2024	FDF EPR Advocacy Group, hybrid
8 October 2024	AA Food Advertising WG, online
10 October 2024	NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum, online
10 October 2024	FDF Food Ingredients Committee (FIG), hybrid
15 October 2024	EUPPA Food Law Committee, Brussels
15 October 2024	EUPPA Agricultural Sustainability Committee, Brussels
15 October 2024	EUPPA (Processing) Sustainability Committee, Brussels
16 October 2024	EUPPA Board meeting, Brussels
16 October 2024	EUPPA General Assembly, Brussels
15 October 2024	EUPPA Strategic Workshop- EUPPA Blueprint for the Future, Brussels
16 October 2024	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG), hybrid
17 October 2024	FDF Food Microbiology Committee (MIC), hybrid
21 October 2024	BExG Food Standards and Labelling, hybrid
24 October 2024	NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum, online
23 October 2024	FDF Residues and Contaminants (RAC) Committee, hybrid
31 October 2024	FDF Diet and Health Committee (DHC), hybrid
31 October 2024	Potato Stakeholder Group, fortnightly call

# **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**

[Policy paper: Update on 'not for EU' labelling for retail products across Great Britain](#) (first published 30 September 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Labelling requirements for certain products moving from GB to retail premises in NI under NIRMS](#) (last updated 30 September 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)

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[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)

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[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)

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[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)

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

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

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[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 26 September 2024)

[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 27 September 2024)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 20 September 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 24 September 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)

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[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)

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[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)

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[Defra Research and analysis: List of large producers on the report packaging data service](#) (last updated 24 September 2024).

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[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](#)

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

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[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 18 September 2024)

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[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 13 September 2024)

[EA Research and analysis: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 27 September 2024)

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

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