

Newsletter – November 2024

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European Parliament approves the ‘von der Leyen II’ Commission

The [second consecutive Commission](#) led by Ursula von der Leyen narrowly passed the European Parliament's (EP) approval in November. Commissioner candidates underwent public hearings from 4-12 November and were evaluated for their proposed portfolios. Following formal appointment by the European Council, the new European Commission (EC) was expected to take up its duties on 1 December.

Food safety

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FSA December Board meeting

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) hold its next [Board meeting](#) on 11 December, in London, from 9:00-14:35. Agenda items include updates on the National Level Regulation programme (former ABC Programme), the Market Authorisation Service, CBD Novel Food applications and an annual update from the National Food Crime Unit (NFCU). To register to watch the meeting in person or online, click [here](#).



FSA lifts advice on peanut contaminated mustard

On 14 November the FSA and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) [lifted their precautionary allergy advice](#) to people with a peanut allergy to avoid eating foods that contain or may contain certain mustard ingredients (mustard, mustard powder, mustard seeds or mustard flour), both in the home and when eating out, as they state these products are now safe to eat. The FSA also updated its guidance for [consumers](#) and [businesses](#).



Susan Jebb re-appointed FSA Chair

On 6 November, the FSA announced [Susan Jebb's re-appointment](#) as FSA Chair until 31 December 2027.



Home Office guidance on the prevention of fraud

On 6 November the Home Office published new business [guidance on the new offence of failure to prevent fraud](#), pursuant to the [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023](#). It cites the FSA's [Food Fraud Resilience Self-Assessment Tool](#) as a sector-specific source of information, best practice and toolkits for the identification of potential risks.



UK Health
Security
Agency

NRL annual report

On 31 October UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published its [National Reference Laboratory \(NRL\) annual report for the year 2023-24](#). The report details NRL's activities related to *Listeria monocytogenes*, coagulase-positive staphylococci, *Escherichia coli* (including Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC)), *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella* and antimicrobial resistance (AMR).



EFSA opinion on Tiger nut oil as a novel food

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has issued an opinion regarding the safety of [Tiger nut \(Cyperus esculentus\) oil](#) as a novel food in the EU, to be used as a cooking oil or condiment.

The Panel found no safety concerns if the oil complies with proposed specifications throughout its shelf life and concluded that the oil is safe for consumption under the proposed conditions, with no need for additional toxicological studies.



Commission Notice on Official Controls published

The EC published the long awaited [Notice on the Official Controls Regulation](#) (Version 2). It compiles the EC's views regarding the most requested provisions, in order to contribute to a harmonised understanding and application of these provisions by Member States' competent authorities and stakeholders.



Codex Alimentarius Commission 48th meeting

The 48th session of the [Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Labelling](#) (CCFL48) took place from 27 October - 1 November 2024 in Quebec City (Canada).

The [CCFL48 official report](#) has been published and can be found at the following link. It covers the Committee's progress on work such as food allergen labelling, incl. Precautionary Allergy Labelling (PAL), use of technology to provide food information, labelling of foods sold via e-commerce, amongst others.

Health and wellbeing

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of Health &
Social Care

Advice to health professionals on folic acid supplementation

On 27 November the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) issued new '[advice to health professionals from the UK chief medical officers, chief nursing officers and chief midwifery officers](#)' on the importance of continuing to advise folic acid supplementation for women of childbearing age to reduce the incidence of neural tube defects (NTDs) in foetuses.

The advice was given in the context of the new requirements for mandatory folic acid fortification in non-wholemeal wheat flour which will come into force in 2026.



Department
of Health &
Social Care

DHSC letter to Food, Diet and Obesity Committee

On 25 November DHSC sent a letter to the House of Lords (HoL) Food, Diet and Obesity Committee requesting an [extension to the deadline](#) to reply to the report 'Recipe for health: a plan to fix our broken food system' until 31 January 2025. This is "...to allow the Government sufficient time to work between departments to explore all recommendations thoroughly and to issue comprehensive and effective responses". The HoL report had previously requested a reply by 6 January 2025.



Nesta report - Nourishing Britain

On 24 November the NGO Nesta published a report titled '[Nourishing Britain: a political manual for improving the nation's health](#)'. The report is co-written by Dr Dolly van Tulleken and Henry Dimbleby and outlines 'evidence-based' strategies to address obesity and related public health challenges in the UK.

The report is based on interviews with senior politicians including Sir Tony Blair, Lord David Cameron, and Boris Johnson, and introduces a policymaker toolkit to assess the cost-effectiveness of various health interventions. Nesta claims that implementing a combination of these policies could halve obesity rates by 2030, significantly reducing NHS costs and improving national health outcomes.



Food Foundation State of the Nation's Food Industry Report 2024

On 14 November the NGO Food Foundation published its 2024 '[The State of the Nation's Food Industry Report](#)', highlighting the performance of major UK retailers, Out of Home businesses, and food manufacturers and looking at the steps they are taking to shift consumers towards more healthy and sustainable diets. The report focuses on 11 metrics and benchmarks 36 companies against a range of criteria on health and sustainability. It calls for transparent mandatory reporting of health and sustainability data, supported by government regulation.



Food, Farming
& Countryside
Commission

FCCC report on the costs of unhealthy food in the UK

On 13 November the NGO 'Food, Farming and Countryside Commission (FFCC) published a report titled '[The False Economy of Big Food and the case for a new food economy](#)'.

The report looks at the cost of the current food system in the UK in terms of health and the associated costs to ensure a healthy diet for everyone. It summarises what it sees as the evidence on the links between diet, unhealthy food and disease (including Ultra-Processed Foods (UPF)), considers the role played by the food industry in shaping the food system and makes several recommendations to policy makers including further regulation.

National Child Measurement Programme - 2023/24 update

On 5 November the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) published data from the [National Child Measurement Programme \(NCMP\) for 2023/24](#) showing trends in childhood obesity rates. The data suggests a decrease of in obesity rates amongst Year 6 children (aged 10-11) for the third consecutive year. However, for reception children (aged 4-5) obesity prevalence has increased by 0.4% since last year. It also points to inequalities in childhood obesity amongst ethnic groups.



FSAI event on product reformulation

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) will be holding an event on food reformulation titled 'Pathways and Progress: Achievements in Food Reformulation' at the Convention Centre Dublin on 6 December. The event is open to food manufacturers, retailers, the out-of-home food service sector, and others with an interest in food reformulation in Ireland. To view the agenda and to register for the event, click [here](#).



BSA study on UPFs

The British Science Association (BSA) has published a report reviewing existing evidence about the [public's perceptions on UPFs](#). It reveals that many are uncertain about what UPFs are and whether or not they are safe. The report was commissioned by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to better understand what is already known about the public's views on UPFs and to identify areas that could need further investigation as part of a UK-wide public dialogue.



Nesta policy paper – A blueprint for halving obesity

Nesta has published a new policy brief and toolkit titled '[A blueprint for halving obesity](#)', evaluating the cost and impact of different obesity policies. The document concludes that the most effective approaches would see governments incentivise food businesses to sell healthier products – through tax or regulation – and provide treatment for those who need it most. A live webinar with health and policy experts will take place on 3 December, from 12-1pm. To register, click [here](#).



UKRI new roadmap for health-related research

UKRI has updated its roadmap for health-related research, titled '[Strategic Research and Innovation Framework](#)'. The new document outlines, amongst others, UKRI's future work on UPF, to "develop mechanistic understanding of the role and requirements of food and nutrition on cognitive, mental, and physical across the life course, including novel and ultra-processed foods".



WHO GIFNA database upgrade

On 25 November the World Health Organization (WHO) held a [webinar](#) featuring the upgraded [Global database on the Implementation of Food and Nutrition Action \(GIFNA\)](#), a unique and comprehensive tool providing nutrition and food environment policy data for decision-making, and covering all forms of malnutrition in all countries of the world.

Examples of content that can be searched on GIFNA are countries' progress on elimination or reduction of certain nutrients (e.g., trans fats, salt or sugars), information on countries' implementation of policies on improvement of the food environment (e.g., Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling, food procurement rules and food taxes).



WHO publishes guidance on legislative responses to ‘unhealthy’ food marketing

On 14 November the European office of the WHO published its latest [guidance document](#) titled ‘Protecting children from unhealthy food marketing in the WHO European Region: guidance for Member States on designing a legislative response’, providing a detailed roadmap for governments to implement legislative frameworks aimed at reducing children’s exposure to marketing of foods high in fats, sugar, and salt (HFSS).

Food labelling and composition

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for Environment
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Bread and Flour Regulations amendment published

On 14 November [The Bread and Flour \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#) were published, amending the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998.

The amendment includes mandatory fortification of non-wholemeal wheat flour with folic acid, brings the amount of other fortificants in line with assimilated EU legislation on fortification, amongst other provisions. The new regulations include a 24-month transition period for implementation.



European Court of Auditors special report on food labelling

On 25 November the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published its [report on food labelling](#) in the EU. The report states that food labelling in the EU generally supports informed consumer choices but has notable gaps in the legal framework and weaknesses in monitoring, reporting, and enforcement, which can lead to confusing or misleading labels. The report also makes several recommendations for the EC, including addressing monitoring consumer expectations and labelling practices, and strengthening member states checks.

Environment and sustainability

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Government update on Simpler Recycling in England

On 29 November the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) published an update on the government’s plans for [Simpler Recycling in England](#). Changes include the default requirement to separate paper and card from other dry recyclables, whilst offering flexibility where possible. It also confirms the timelines for implementation, including 31 March 2025 for collection of core recyclable items by businesses (except micro businesses), and the 31 March 2027 for kerbside collections of plastic film from businesses. However, these dates are subject to the outcomes of the forthcoming Spending Review. The legislation is expected to be laid in December 2024. Defra has also published new guidance for [workplaces](#) and [waste collection authorities](#).



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Update on EPR local authority payments

On 28 November Local Authority Chief Executives in England, Scotland, and Wales received an indicative estimate of their Year 1 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging payment through a Provisional Notice of Assessment. Local Authorities in Northern Ireland (NI) will receive theirs at a later date. These estimates are provisional and may be adjusted, with any revisions communicated in early 2025. The first payment is expected by November 2025. For further information on EPR for packaging please see [here](#).



Government roundtables on climate action

The Government hosted three roundtables on 6 November to galvanise [climate action](#) ahead of COP29. These focussed on financing the transition to renewable energy, accelerating investment for projects improving climate resilience, and the global treaty to end plastic pollution.



POST horizon scanning on agricultural production and environmental objectives

On 21 November the Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology (POST) published a horizon scanning report titled '[Balancing UK agricultural production and environmental objectives](#)'. Contributors suggested a systems shift is required in agriculture and [other land uses](#) to achieve net-zero Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 2050, [nature recovery](#) and other environmental commitments.



IGD and WRAP report on transition to Net Zero



The IGD, WRAP and the consultancy EY have released a new report titled '[Overview: A Net Zero Transition Plan for the UK Food System](#)', providing a comprehensive strategy to guide the UK's food system towards achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

To support the launch, IGD has been running a series of free webinars, with the last one taking place on 5 December. To sign up click [here](#).



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Updates from Defra's November R&W forum

Defra held its November Resources & Waste (R&W) engagement forum on 12 November. Topics discussed included a [Circular Economy strategic update](#); an [EPR update](#), including [EPR Illustrative Base Fees](#), [Packaging Recovery Notes \(PRNs\) & Packaging Export Recovery Notes \(PERNs\)](#), and [Data Reporting](#); and [Recycling Assessment Methodology \(RAM\)](#). The final R&W engagement forum of 2024 will take place on [4 December](#) from 2-4pm.



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Defra updates guidance on EPR

On 8 November Defra updated its guidance on [how to assess household and non-household packaging for EPR](#). It now clarifies that packaging can be classified as non-household if it is supplied to a business or public institution which is the end user of the packaging, not 'the end user of the goods contained in the packaging', as the previous version stated.



Towards the postponement of the EU Deforestation Regulation?

The EP agreed to approve a one-year [delay to the EU Deforestation Regulation \(EUDR\)](#) proposed by the EC but introduced amendments, creating uncertainty about swift adoption. The main change, driven by the European People's Party, adds a 'zero risk' category, exempting certain countries from some transparency rules regarding deforestation-linked products. The Council opposes these modifications.



Supporting companies in applying the European sustainability reporting standards

On November 15 the EC held a seminar in Brussels on 'Supporting companies in applying the European sustainability reporting standards (ESRS)'. See slides and the recording on the [event website](#). The ESRS started to apply to the first companies in scope of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) as of financial year 2024. The first companies in scope have now been preparing their sustainability reports and are getting ready to publish their first ones in 2025.

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Update on capital grants

On 27 November Defra announced the partial closure of the overall [capital grant offer](#) to most new applicants. Agreements that have already been signed will be met, with further funding prioritised to help build a sustainable farming sector. Existing applicants to the capital grant offer who have submitted their applications, but not yet been offered an agreement will receive a detailed update about their application in early 2025.



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Defra work on supply chain fairness

On 21 November Steve Reed, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, announced that the Government will advance work on [supply chain fairness](#) by using the fair dealing powers in the [Agriculture Act 2020](#). Click [here](#) for more information.



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New guidance on Integrated Pest Management

On 18 November Defra published new guidance on '[Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) in farming](#)' to help farmers, growers and land managers adopt different IPM approaches. Amongst others, it provides practical information on IPM aims and principles, tools to support decision making and Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI).



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Government flood funding

On 13 November Defra announced reforms to [flood funding](#) through additional financial support to farmers and rural communities, as well as refreshing its approach to delivering funding. The government will also launch a consultation in the new year including a review of the formula for allocating money to proposed flood defences to ensure that businesses and rural and coastal communities are adequately considered when delivering flood protection.



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Recruitment of new commissioner for the tenant farming sector in England

On 6 November, during the Northern Farming Conference, Food Security and Rural Affairs Minister Daniel Zeichner announced that Defra would begin recruitment for a [Commissioner for the tenant farming sector in England](#). This new role will seek to address one of the recommendations from the Rock Review, which is to improve relationships and collaboration between tenant farmers, landowners, and advisers.



Rural Payments
Agency

Consultation on hedgerow management

On 29 October the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) published a [consultation](#) seeking views on proposals for the implementation of [The Management of Hedgerows \(England\) Regulations 2024](#), which came into force in May. The RPA is proposing a 'fair and proportionate regulatory approach' when deciding how it implements civil sanctions.



AHDB new Chair applications

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) is seeking [applications for a new Chair](#). The Chair steers the organisation and provides strategic direction. Application is via CV, a statement of suitability, equality information and information relating to outside interests or reputational issues. The deadline is midday on 13 December.



AHDB new Chair applications

The AHDB and GB Potatoes have [signed a grant agreement](#) to deliver seven industry projects funded by residual levy reserves. The grant money will be used to support projects for the benefit of the entire potato industry.



CAP advice on regenerative farming

On 7 November the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) issued a new article on [regenerative farming](#) when used in advertising. Key points include the need for substantiation of environmental claims, clarity in the terms used, and avoiding exaggeration, whilst bearing in mind the full lifecycle impact of practices.



Changes to agricultural property relief

On 5 November HM Treasury and Defra published a news article explaining the [changes to Agricultural Property Relief \(APR\) and Business Property Relief \(BPR\)](#) resulting from the announcement from the Autumn Budget. From 6 April 2026, the full 100% relief from inheritance tax will be restricted to the first £1 million of combined agricultural and business property. Above this amount, landowners will pay inheritance tax at a reduced rate of 20%, rather than the standard 40%.



POST horizon scanning on innovation and technology in agriculture

On 1 November POST published an horizon scanning report titled '[Innovation and technology in agriculture and alternative foods](#)'. The document concludes that, without sustainable agricultural innovation, such as the use of artificial intelligence, the world faces persistent food insecurity and degraded resources.



Farming Resilience Fund closure

On 27 November Defra updated its [list of organisations](#) to be contacted by farmers and land managers signed up to the [Farming Resilience Fund](#) before the end of December 2024. This is to ensure they have time to provide support before March 2025, when the Farming Resilience Fund closes.

Groceries supply chain

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CMA report on loyalty pricing in the groceries sector

On 27 November the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) published the findings from its [review of loyalty pricing in the groceries sector](#). The report has found that shoppers who are members of a loyalty scheme can almost always make a genuine saving on the usual price by buying loyalty priced products, giving shoppers confidence that they are not being treated unfairly (see [CMA press release](#)).



POST horizon scanning on food systems, food security and supply chains

On 21 November POST published an horizon scanning report titled '[Food systems, food security and supply chains](#)', identifying related challenges and opportunities for the Parliament to consider.

Plant protection products

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PRiF Rolling Reporting Data – August 2024

On 13 November the Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) published its [Rolling Reporting Data for August 2024](#). A sample of Maris piper potatoes from NI contained a residue of chlorpropham (CIPC) at 0.4 mg/kg (Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) = 0.35). The report informs that an effect on health is not expected.



HSE guidance on GB active substance renewals

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued amended [guidance on the process for the renewal of pesticide active substances in GB](#). HSE, with consent from Defra and the Devolved Governments, has withdrawn the guidance document '[SANCO/2012/11251](#)' (see section 3), as the approach outlined is no longer considered suitable for the current GB regulatory regime.

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Delays to BTOM physical and identity checks for non-qualifying foods movements to NI

Defra has announced a delay to the implementation of physical and identity checks on non-qualifying goods moved from the island of Ireland to GB under the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM), originally planned to start in 2024. A further update on the timeline for implementation will be provided by Summer 2025.



HM Revenue
& Customs

SPIMM Guidance updated

On 21 November HMRC updated its guidance on goods moving from GB to NI through the Simplified Process for Internal Market Movements (SPIMM). For goods where a Common Health Entry Document (CHED) is usually required, an 8-digit commodity code will be needed to access SPIMM.



New UK Export Academy free events

As part of its series '[A Taste of Global Success: Selling to International Food and Drink Markets Made Easy](#)', the UK Export Academy will be running several free online events in December including:

- [Market Selection and Research for a Food and Drink Exporter](#): 2 December, 10-11am.
- [Benefits of UK Trade Agreements in the Food and Drink Industry](#): 16 December, 2-3pm

Further events are scheduled for January and February 2025.

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FDF Investment Summit

On 20 November the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) hosted its first [Investment Summit](#). The event brought together industry leaders, academics, ministers, and government officials – including the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Steve Reed, and the Minister of State for Industry, Sarah Jones.

At the event, the FDF launched the new Food and Drink Technology Taskforce, and a report titled '[Future Factory: Supercharging digital innovation in food and drink manufacturing](#)', in partnership with [Newton](#).



FDF Guidance on Allergen Recall Prevention published

The FDF has launched its [Guidance on Allergen Recall Prevention](#), which aims to help food manufacturers prevent and manage allergen-related incidents and recalls, and outlines key strategies to address the most common causes of allergen recalls.



IFST Binsted Lecture 2025

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST), together with the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), the FDF and Campden BRI will jointly host the 2025 Binsted annual lecture titled 'The Future of Food Science Education' on 30 January 2025, at the FDF Office in London. For more information and to book your ticket, click [here](#).



IFST Technical Brief on acrylamide

The IFST has published a new [Technical Brief on Acrylamide in Food](#), covering topics including information about acrylamide, the mechanism of its formation, analysis in food, health risks, regulations and recommendations, and others.

GB Potatoes AGM



GB Potatoes will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 12 December, at 2pm. The event will be held at the Radisson York, North Street, YorkYO1 6JF, or online via Microsoft Teams. If you are interested to join the AGM, please contact info@gb-potatoes.co.uk.



Red Tractor Fresh Produce Technical Briefing

Red Tractor has launched a new [Fresh Produce Technical Briefing](#), featuring key updates on changes to the Fresh Produce Standards.

PPA committee meeting dates 2025

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Food Law and Consumer [FLC] committee

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Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee

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PPA circulars issued in November 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)

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01-Nov	FDf update on the Bread and Flour Regulations	417/24
04-Nov	RASFFs Week 44/2024	418/24
04-Nov	Metribuzin regulation	419/24
04-Nov	FINAL FLC priorities document 2024-25	420/24
04-Nov	Agenda for next meeting Commission's Working Group on Environmental contaminants, 12-13 December 2024	421/24
04-Nov	Informal summary report of the meeting of Commission Working Group on Flavourings – 24 September	422/24
05-Nov	Report of the Advisory Group on priorities for the IARC Monographs 2025-29 (UPF, acrylamide, BPA, among others)	423/24
05-Nov	Nutrition and Health tracker (Nov.24 update)	424/24
06-Nov	New addition FoodDrinkEurope policy recommendations on nutrition and consumer information for the next European Commission cycle 2024-2029	425/24
06-Nov	FDf guidance on Allergen Recall Prevention	426/24
06-Nov	WRAP survey on legal compliance with new Simpler Recycling legislation	427/24
06-Nov	New Rev. FoodDrinkEurope Fall-back option on mandatory country of origin labelling	428/24
06-Nov	FLC meeting 14 November 2024 - Final agenda and Competition Law Statement	429/24
08-Nov	ESA comments: New addition FDE policy recommendations on nutrition and consumer information for the next European Commission cycle 2024-2029	430/24
11-Nov	RASFFs Week 45/2024	431/24
12-Nov	Official Controls: EC Notice on the Implementation of the Official Controls Regulation	432/24
13-Nov	EC Reg. (EU) 2024/2856 of 12 November 2024 amending Annex I to Reg. (EC) No 1334/2008 - the removal of the flavouring substance Benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) from the Union list	433/24
13-Nov	KIND REMINDER: FLC meeting 14 November 2024 - Final agenda and Competition Law Statement	434/24

14-Nov	FINAL ROUND: FoodDrinkEurope policy recommendations on nutrition and consumer information for the next European Commission cycle 2024-2029	435/24
15-Nov	Bread and Flour Regulations Amendment published	436/24
16-Nov	ESA data on acrylamide in vegetable crisps	437/24
18-Nov	RASFFs Week 46/2024	438/24
18-Nov	EFSA Re-evaluation of saccharin and its sodium, potassium and calcium salts (E 954) as food additives	439/24
18-Nov	EP votes for postponement of EUDR with additional changes	440/24
18-Nov	FSA/FSS allergy advice on peanut contaminated mustard lifted	441/24
18-Nov	Slides and action list from FLC meeting 14 November 2024	442/24
19-Nov	Flavourings: EFFA Information letter on the removal of the flavouring substance Benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) from the Union list	443/24
20-Nov	European Court of Auditors special report on food labelling in the EU	444/24
20-Nov	FOR APPROVAL: FoodDrinkEurope policy recommendations on nutrition and consumer information for the next European Commission cycle 2024-2029	445/24
24-Nov	ESA data on acrylamide in dough-based snacks	446/24
25-Nov	Codex Committee on Food Labelling: CCFL48 Outcomes + FoodDrinkEurope Informal Report	447/24
25-Nov	RASFFs Week 47/2024	448/24
25-Nov	European Court of Auditors special report on food labelling in the EU published	449/24
26-Nov	Bread and Flour Regulations – Defra note to enforcement officers	450/24
28-Nov	GAs Task Force: PVC virtual webinar on glycoalkaloids - joint statement	451/24
29-Nov	Monthly digest of EU legislation (November 2024)	452/24
29-Nov	Plant protection products and biocides log – November 2024	453/24

Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

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04-Nov	Metribuzin - EU non-renewal	214/24
04-Nov	Agenda for next meeting Commission's Working Group on Environmental contaminants, 12-13 December 2024	215/24
05-Nov	Report of the Advisory Group on priorities for the IARC Monographs 2025-29 (UPF, acrylamide, BPA, among others)	216/24
11-Nov	Defra Drought Consultation	217/24
13-Nov	Wireworm presentation for PPTC meeting, 30 October 2024	218/24
14-Nov	Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) Rolling Reporting Data - June and July 2024	219/24
15-Nov	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 14 November 2024	220/24
16-Nov	ESA data on acrylamide in vegetable crisps	221/24
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29-Nov	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 28 November 2024	228/24
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Upcoming events

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2 December 2024	UK Export Academy webinar: Market Selection and Research for a Food and Drink Exporter, online
2-4 December 2024	21st IFOAM Organic World Congress, Taiwan
3 December 2024	IFST webinar: Innovation for a Sustainable Future – What to consider when developing New Products and Packaging, online
3 December 2024	Farmers Weekly/Laurence Gould webinar: Implications of Labour’s Budget – Farming under a new Government, online
3 December 2024	FDF Regulatory webinar, online
3 December 2024	Scottish Virus Forum, JHI, Dundee
3-4 December 2024	HSE workshop: Technical fate and behaviour assessment of PPPs, York
4 December 2024	WHO webinar: Policies and governance for integration of healthier foods in the health sector, online
4 December 2024	FDF State of Industry Q3 2024 webinar, online
4 December 2024	Defra R&W engagement forum, online
5 December 2024	IFST Christmas Lecture: What role does flavour play in our Christmas dietary choices?, Newton St Loe, Bath
5 December 2024	AON/FDF webinar: M&A Intellectual Property in the food and drink industry, online
5 December 2024	FDEA Export Forum & Awards, London
5 December 2024	IGD/WRAP/EY webinar: Net Transition Plan, online
9 December 2024	SLR/FDF webinar: UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS), online
10-11 December 2024	CUPGRA 35th Annual Cambridge Potato Conference 2024, Cambridge
10 December 2024	Ameresco/FDF webinar: Heat recovery & heat pumps for the food & drink sector, online
10 December 2024	British Brands Group/UKICE webinar: Regulatory divergence between the UK and EU, online
11 December 2024	IFST event: Changing Perceptions: The Evolution of Sensory Science through Time, Guildford, Surrey
12 December 2024	Ameresco/FDF webinar: Government Autumn Budget: Energy Saving Opportunities Scheme – What’s Next (online)
16 December 2024	UK Export Academy webinar: Benefits of UK Trade Agreements in the Food and Drink Industry, online
9-12 January 2025	Potato Expo 2025, Orlando, USA
16 January 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Routes to Market for a Food and Drink Exporter, online
29 January 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Navigating Export Requirements and Customs Documentations to Saudi, the UAE, and Qatar for Key Sectors, online
29 January 2025	WTA/FDF webinar: Understanding International Logistics to emerging markets, online
30 January 2025	IFST Binsted Lecture: The Future of Food Science Education, London
30 January 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Market Access (Part 1) Requirements for a UK Food and Drink Exporter, online
2-5 February 2025	Confectionery Trade Show, Cologne, France
4 February 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Market Access (Part 2) Requirements for a UK Food and Drink Exporter, online
17-21 February 2025	Gulfoods Trade Show, Dubai, UAE
4-5 March 2025	PSI 2-day residential Store Manager’s Course, TBC
5 March 2025	UKIA Spring Conference: Securing resilient water resources for agriculture, TBC
5-12 May 2025	National Plant Health Week 2025

27 May 2025	EUPPA, ESA and Europatat joint event on the 'International Day of Potato', Brussels, Belgium
27-28 March 2025	Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, Paris
12-14 May 2025	World Retail Congress, London
3-4 September 2025	Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands
9-5 November 2025	Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany
19-20 November 2025	British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire

Industry meetings

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3 December 2024	FDF Scotland Executive Committee, hybrid TBC
3 December 2024	IFST Food Regulatory SIG, online
4 December 2024	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) Committee, hybrid
5 December 2024	NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum, online
9 December 2024	FDF Associations' Advisory Group meeting, hybrid
10 December 2024	FDF EPR Advocacy Group, hybrid
11 December 2024	FDF SME CEO forum, hybrid TBC
12 December 2024	GB Potatoes Annual General Meeting, hybrid (York and online)
17 December 2024	FSA Food Industry Liaison Group, online
19 December 2024	NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum, online
19 December 2024	Potato Stakeholder Group, online

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 8 October 2024)

[DIT/DBT Guidance: UK trade agreements in effect](#) (last updated 22 October 2024)

[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 14 November 2024)

[COLLECTION: REUL \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 statutory instruments](#) (last updated 16 October 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)

[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 13 September 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

[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 27 August 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Import plants and plant products from non-EU countries to GB](#) (last updated 12 November 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Import compound products from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 27 August 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: Check risk categories for animal and animal product imported from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 20 November 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 13 September 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 23 October 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 27 November 2024)

[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 30 October 2024)

[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 28 November 2024)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 13 November 2024)

[Defra: Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 22 October 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: Check plant health information and import rules](#) (last updated 23 October 2024)

[HMRC Guidance: Safety and security requirements on imports and exports](#) (last updated 20 November 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 27 November 2024)

[DBT/DIT Guidance: UK trade agreements in effect](#) (last updated 22 October 2024)

[HMRC Guidance: Search the register of customs agents and express operators](#) (last updated 26 November 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 29 November 2024)
[HMRC Guidance: Safety and security requirements on imports and exports](#) (last updated 20 November 2024)

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

[Defra Guidance: Packaging data: what to collect for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 17 October 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 17 October 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging: how to assess household and non-household packaging](#) (last updated 8 November 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Find large producers on the 'report packaging data' service](#) (first published 11 October 2024)

[Defra Research and analysis: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: illustrative base fees](#) (last updated 30 September 2024)

[HMRC Policy Paper: Annex A: rates and allowances](#) (last updated 11 October 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England](#) (first published 29 November 2024)

Other

[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 1 November 2024)

[Defra/RPA/FC Guidance: Funding for farmers, growers and land managers](#) (last updated 18 November 2024)

[Defra/RA Guidance Delinked payments: replacing the Basic Payment Scheme](#) (last updated 20 November 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 13 November 2024)

[EA Research and analysis: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 28 November 2024)

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

[DfE Guidance: School food standards: resources for schools](#) (last updated 19 September 2024)

[DBT Guidance: UK Sustainability Reporting Standards](#) (last updated 25 November 2024)

[Defra Statistical data set: Family food datasets](#) (last updated 17 October 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) in farming](#) (first published 18 November 2024).

Current consultations

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DBT: [Making Work Pay: collective redundancy and fire and rehire](#) (closes 2 December 2024).

DBT: [Making Work Pay: creating a modern framework for industrial relations](#) (closes 2 December 2024).

DBT: [Making Work Pay: the application of zero hours contracts measures to agency workers](#) (closes 2 December 2024).

Rural Payments Agency: [Consultation on the regulatory approach and use of civil sanctions for hedgerow management](#) (closes 10 December 2024).

EA consultation: [‘Drought: how it is managed in England’](#) (closes 10 January 2025).

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