

# Newsletter – January 2025

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## Government

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Department for  
Business & Trade

### Government report on retained EU and assimilated law

On 23 January the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) published the [‘Assimilated Law Parliamentary Report: June 2024 to December 2024’](#).

The report includes data from the Retained EU Law (REUL) dashboard, highlighting the number of REUL pieces identified, revoked, and reformed during the reporting period. It also outlines plans for future revocations and reforms, aiming to ensure that UK law remains fit for purpose post-Brexit.



UK Government

### UK Government ‘Plan for Change’

The UK Government has outlined a series of key missions aimed at boosting prosperity and improving public well-being as part of its [‘Plan for Change’](#). These include driving economic growth, enhancing NHS services, improving public safety, increasing opportunities for all through education and skills, and transitioning the country to clean energy, with a target of 95% clean power by 2030.



UK Government

### Independent review of the Windsor Framework

On 10 January the UK Government announced an [Independent Review of the Windsor Framework](#). The review aims to assess the framework's impact on Northern Ireland's (NI) social, economic, and political landscape. A designated Reviewer will consult with political parties, businesses, civil society groups, and other stakeholders to gather insights. The final report, due within six months, will provide conclusions and practical recommendations to the government.

# Food safety

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## FSA new Chief Executive nominated

Katie Pettifer has been appointed as the [new Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency](#) (FSA). Katie has been acting as interim Chief Executive since September, when Emily Miles left the post.



## FSS webinar on prevention of food crime

On 27 February Food Standards Scotland (FSS) will be running a webinar titled 'Preventing Food Crime', in which they will explore ways that food businesses can help prevent food crime, including looking at FSS' [Risk Profiling Tool](#). The event will run from 13:00-14:00 and will include guest speakers, and a Q&A session. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



## FSS guidance on shelf-life

On 15 January FSS published new guidance to assist Food Business Operators (FBOs) in determining the [shelf-life of their products](#). The document outlines best practice for establishing safe and appropriate shelf-life, considering factors such as food type, processing methods, storage conditions, and potential hazards like *Listeria monocytogenes*.



## FMD in Germany

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On 13 January the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) [suspended](#) the import of certain animals and animal products to Great Britain (GB) from Germany, following an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

Defra has issued [information on the restrictions](#), and technical details are on the [relevant lists](#) on gov.uk. Defra has also made available the [recording of a webinar](#) held on 16 January, in which common questions from businesses were answered.



## Defra update on precision breeding

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On 9 January Defra shared an update on the legislation on precision breeding, stating that the secondary legislation necessary to implement the Precision Breeding Act for plants in England by the end of March.



## FSA consultation on regulated products

The FSA has issued a [consultation](#) seeking stakeholders' views in relation to the authorisation of one food additive, one feed additive, one food flavouring and the removal of 8 permitted flavouring substances, one food contact material, 3 genetically modified organisms (for food and feed uses) and 2 novel foods in England, Wales and NI. The consultation closes on 19 February.



## EC Q&A on imports of composite products into the EU updated

The European Commission (EC) has updated its [Q&A on imports of composite products into the EU](#). The document will be updated as necessary, helping to clarify issues as they arise.



### New EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR)

The EC has published [Regulation \(EU\) 2025/40](#) on packaging and packaging waste. This regulation covers the full life cycle of packaging, including some requirements which impact food safety, and provides a harmonised legal framework for food contact materials.



### EU ban on Bisphenol A

On 19 December the EC adopted a [ban of Bisphenol A](#) in Food Contact Materials (FCM). [Regulation \(EU\) 2024/3190](#) was published on 31 December, and entered into force on 20 January, with different transition periods for different products.



### EU technical guidance on FCM

The European Council’s Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM) published a new [‘Technical guide on documentation supporting compliance and safety of food contact materials and articles’](#). This guide is designed to help business operators producing food contact materials and articles prepare the documentation required to support the compliance and safety of their products,



### CCFA55 draft agenda

The 55<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA55) will take place from 24-28 March, in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

A [provisional agenda](#) has been published and includes alignment of food additive provisions between commodity standards and the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA), endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels and draft specifications.

## Health and wellbeing

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### UK Government response to HoL ‘Recipe for Health’ report

On 30 January the UK Government issued its [response](#) to the House of Lords (HoL) Food, Diet and Obesity Committee's report [‘Recipe for Health: a plan to fix our broken food system’](#), published in October last year. The response acknowledges the significant role of the food environment in the nation's obesity crisis and addresses the Government’s commitment to achieve their [“health mission to Build an NHS Fit for the Future”](#) as part of its [Plan for Change](#).



### Evaluation of nutritional standards in vending machines in NI local councils

The FSA has commissioned RSM UK Consulting to evaluate implementation of nutritional standards in vending across some local councils and public sector sites in NI. The evaluation will assess the impact of nutritional standards on sales and nutrients sold as well as collecting insights from consumers and other stakeholders. The evaluation is expected to be published in Summer 2025.

A report looking at implementation of [vending guidance across hospitals in NI](#) was also published in September 2024.



### FSS report on children's dietary intake

On 27 January FSS published the [DISH \(Dietary Intake in Scotland's CHildren\) survey report](#), containing up to date information on the dietary intakes of 1,700 children and young people aged 2 to 15 years living in Scotland, during 2024.

Of key relevance to members, the report found that the category 'discretionary foods', which includes crisps and savoury snacks, contribute to 21% of the total energy consumed by children and young people in Scotland. It also found that 'additional categories' (as proposed by the Scottish Government (SG) in its consultation to restrict promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS)), which include roast potatoes, chips and similar roasted potato products, contributed to 16% of the total energy intake for the age group.

FSS will be hosting a [webinar](#) to discuss the findings on 5 February, from 13:00-14:00.



### ASA statement on implementation guidance of UK-wide LHF restrictions

On 13 January the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) published an interim statement on the [implementation guidance on advertising restrictions of Less Healthy Food \(LHF\)](#).

The statement explains that, following legal advice, the information included in the previously drafted guidance about 'brand advertising' cannot be maintained. The Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) will therefore rewrite the draft guidance to be further consulted on in the coming weeks. The final guidance is expected in the Spring.



### AA letter to UK Government on LHF advertising restrictions

The Advertising Association (AA) has submitted a letter to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor, the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS), and the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in relation to the upcoming UK-wide restrictions on advertising restrictions of LHF. The letter follows the interim statement by the ASA and the CAP issued earlier in the month (see story above). The letter has been co-signed by several businesses and trade associations, including PPA, following agreement by the PPA Food Law and Consumer Committee.



### FSS report on children's dietary intake

On 19 December, Carol Mochan, MSP for South Scotland, inquired about the SG's plans to publish a population health framework and whether it would include regulations to [restrict the promotion of HFSS products](#). Minister Jenni Minto responded on 7 January, stating that the SG is developing a population health framework to address health inequalities and improve health outcomes. Minto said that, while the framework will consider various factors influencing health, including diet, specific details about regulations on promoting HFSS products are yet to be determined. An independent analysis of the HFSS promotion restrictions consultation will be published early in 2025.



### Food Foundation's 'Broken Plate' report 2025

On 29 January the Food Foundation published its annual '[Broken Plate 2025](#)' report, highlighting significant disparities in the UK's food system.

According to the report, healthier foods are more than twice as expensive per calorie than less healthy options, making them less accessible, especially for low-income households. The report highlights the urgent need for policy interventions to create a more equitable and health-promoting food environment.



## Food Foundation briefing on UPF

In December 2024, the Food Foundation published an Investor Briefing titled '[Ultra-processed foods: A new frontier for investors in food businesses?](#)', examining the increasing prevalence of Ultra-Processed Foods (UPF) and their implications for health, the environment, and investment strategies. The briefing highlights the growing policy focus on UPFs, including regulatory actions in the UK and internationally, and emphasises the need for investors to consider these factors when evaluating food businesses.



## Parliamentary report on the impact of food and diet on obesity

The House of Commons Library published a debate pack titled '[The Impact of Food and Diet on Obesity](#)', in preparation for a debate that took place on 20 January. The report provides an overview of obesity, its causes—including unhealthy diets and lifestyle choices—and the associated health risks such as Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. It also discusses recent parliamentary material, including the House of Lords Food, Diet and Obesity Committee report, industry reporting and advertising of LHF and UPF.



## Summary of responses to WG consultation on HFSS promotion restrictions published

On 13 January the Welsh Government (WG) published a [summary of responses](#) to its 2024 consultation on the draft Regulations and proposed enforcement approach for the Food (Promotion and Placement) (Wales) Regulations 2025, which will restrict the promotion and placement of HFSS foods in Wales. The WG intends to lay the Regulations in the Spring 2025, with a 12-month implementation period.



## New Health Commissioner outlines his priorities

Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare, Olivér Várhelyi, shared his priorities for the coming mandate in an [interview](#) posted on the EC website earlier this month. He reaffirmed that preventive health will be a priority, especially when it comes to tackling cardiovascular diseases which he referred to as the "*biggest killer in the EU*". It is anticipated that issues like labelling, food and drink marketing or reformulation could feature in the plan. The Commissioner has not yet announced a calendar for the preparation and publication of the plan.



## FDA issues proposed rule on front-of-package nutrition labelling in the US

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proposed a new rule requiring front-of-package (FOP) nutrition labels on most packaged foods. These labels, referred to as 'Nutrition Info box,' aim to provide consumers with clear, at-a-glance information about the levels of saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars in a serving, categorised as 'low', 'med' or 'high'. This initiative seeks to complement the existing Nutrition Facts label, making it easier for consumers to make informed dietary choices and promote healthier eating habits.



## New WHO guidelines on lower-sodium substitutes

On 27 January the World Health Organization (WHO) released new guidelines on the '[Use of lower-sodium salt substitutes](#)' (LSSS) to help reduce sodium intake and associated health risks. The guidelines provide evidence-based recommendations for policymakers, health professionals, and stakeholders to promote the adoption of LSSS as part of public health strategies aimed at lowering hypertension and non-communicable diseases.



## WHO launches Micronutrient Survey Analyser

On 14 January the WHO launched the '[Micronutrient Survey Analyser](#)', an online tool that allows users to perform comprehensive analyses of micronutrient status survey data for all populations.

This version provides results for four biomarker indicators: haemoglobin, ferritin, urinary iodine concentration and iron deficiency anaemia. Further nutrients will be added in the future.



## Salt Awareness Week 2025

Action on Salt and Sugar has announced that Salt Awareness Week 2025 will take place on the 12-18 May.

As part of the weeks activities it is anticipated that Action on Salt may issue a report to the media on salt levels in crisps, savoury snacks, flavoured nuts (including coated) and salt and sugar levels in popcorn.



## ANSES scientific opinion on UPF

On 30 January the French Food Safety Authority (ANSES) published [a scientific opinion on the health impacts of UPF](#), highlighting concerns over the classification of these foods. The report criticises the NOVA 4 category for being too broad, grouping both unhealthy and potentially nutritious foods, which could lead to oversimplified conclusions.

While acknowledging some studies link UPF consumption to non-communicable diseases, the report stresses the need for more research to understand the mechanisms by which food processing affects health. It calls for the development of a refined classification system that takes processing methods, nutrient composition, additives, and their health impacts into account.

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## Bread and Flour Regulations amendment published

On 20 December [The Bread and Flour Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) were published, introducing the mandatory requirement for non-wholemeal wheat flour to be fortified with folic acid and amend the required quantities of the fortificants which are currently added to flour by the end of 2026 in Scotland. Guidance is being developed to support affected businesses.

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## DRS announcement for England and Northern Ireland

On 24 January [The Deposit Scheme for drinks containers \(England and Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2025](#) came into force. Defra has also published [guidance](#). This initiative aims to incentivise consumers to return empty containers to designated collection points, such as local supermarkets, in exchange for a financial reward. The scheme targets single-use drinks containers ranging from 150ml to three litres in size.



UK Government

### EPR scheme administrator launched

On 21 January the UK Government introduced [PackUK](#), the new scheme administrator for the nation's Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (pEPR) programme. PackUK aims to “transfer the financial burden of managing household packaging waste from taxpayers and local authorities to the businesses that produce and supply the packaging, adhering to the 'polluter pays' principle”.

The organisation will set and collect fees from obligated producers and distribute payments to local authorities to enhance collection and recycling services. Additionally, PackUK will lead public communication campaigns to encourage proper disposal of packaging waste and reduce littering.



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### Circular Economy Taskforce established

The recently announced Circular Economy Taskforce, chaired by industry leaders, is collaborating with Defra officials, Ministers, and stakeholders to develop a national strategy and sector-specific roadmaps for advancing the circular economy. The strategy aims to scale up circular initiatives, attract investment in innovation and infrastructure, create new employment opportunities, and align with climate change and biodiversity goals.

The final strategy and roadmaps will be published by late 2025, and stakeholders can still register their interest to contribute via [Microsoft Forms](#).



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### pEPR requirements for small producers

If your organisation had an annual turnover of between £1m and £2m in the last financial year, and supplies more than 25 tonnes of packaging, you could be obligated under the new packaging regulations as a ‘small producer’.

If you are a small producer, you should have recorded data about the packaging you supply or import into the UK from 1 January 2023. You will need to submit your 2024 data by 1 April 2025. More information about the reporting periods can be found [here](#).



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### pEPR Recyclability Assessment Methodology

The [pEPR Recyclability Assessment Methodology \(RAM\)](#) was published by Defra and the pEPR Scheme Administrator on 23 December. This methodology will enable large packaging producers to assess the recyclability of their packaging and produce a red/amber/green output which will inform the level of fee modulation payable for that material from year 2 of pEPR.



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### Simpler Recycling – new Q&As

Defra has published a new set of [Q&As on the upcoming Simpler Recycling](#) changes in England. [Regulations](#) confirming the final policy positions were laid on 3 December and will come into force by 31 March, subject to parliamentary procedure.



### EU Omnibus Regulation to reduce red tape in sustainability reporting

In December EC President Ursula von der Leyen announced her intention to reduce administrative burden for companies and to propose a regulation aiming at simplifying some overlapping obligations under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D), and the EU Taxonomy Regulation.

The so-called Omnibus Regulation, scheduled for publication on 26 February, is designed to reduce bureaucracy without compromising on content, ensuring businesses can focus on compliance while driving sustainability.

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### **PPA writes to HM Treasury on changes to IHT**

PPA has written to HM Treasury on proposed changes to the Inheritance Tax (IHT) regime and several associated budget announcements which are expected to impact upon UK farming.

The letter was developed within the Primary Producers Technical Committee (PPTC) in response to a request from colleagues at the National Farmers' Union (NFU), and has been sent to all Treasury Ministers, the Chair and Co-Chair of the Farming APPG and, where identified by members, a slightly amended version has been sent to a small number of constituency MPs.



### **Defra workshops on seed certification**

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Defra, together with the NI Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), the SG and the WG are in the process of developing the inaugural Plant Varieties and Seeds (PVS) Strategy that will outline the UK's approach to plant varieties and seeds over the next five years. As part of this, they will be holding workshops with industry and stakeholders, to ensure that they have input into the strategy's contents.

An in-person session is planned for 13 February in Birmingham and an online session on 4 March. Click [here](#) if you are interested in attending either of the events.



### **Defra workshops on seed certification**

On 20 January, an independent report commissioned by the NFU, Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board (AHDB), and other farming unions titled '[The UK Farm Assurance Review](#)' was published. The report calls for a fundamental reset of the farm assurance system to rebuild farmer confidence.

The report makes nine strategic recommendations, including reducing and simplifying on-farm audits, embracing technology, ensuring farmers have a leading role in standards development, and enhancing communication between schemes and farmers. It emphasises the need for greater collaboration among assurance schemes and alignment with environmental goals to ensure the system delivers value to all stakeholders.



### **Defra announcement on support for farmers**

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At the Oxford Farming Conference, on 9 January, Environment Secretary Steve Reed announced a series of [reforms to support farmers](#) and boost food production as part of the Plan for Change. These include promoting British produce in public sector contracts, streamlining planning approval for farm infrastructure, and enabling farmers to earn additional income by selling surplus renewable energy.



## EFSA pest categorisation of *Lepidosaphes pistaciae*

On 9 January, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published a report on the '[Pest categorisation of \*Lepidosaphes pistaciae\*](#)'. The report concluded that while the fulfilment of the criterion on having an economic or environmental impact in the EU is associated with a key uncertainty, all the other criteria assessed by EFSA for consideration as a potential Union quarantine pest are met.

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### Updated store cleaning guidance issued

The CIPC residue monitoring Group (CRMG) has produced updated cleaning guidelines for reducing chlorpropham (CIPC) residue contamination from previously treated potato stores and equipment. You can access the guidelines [here](#).

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Groceries Code  
Adjudicator

### GCA's 2025 annual survey

The Grocery Code Adjudicator (GCA), has now launched its annual [GCA annual groceries sector survey](#). This is an opportunity for companies to confidentially inform the Adjudicator, Mark White, of their experiences of dealing with [14 large retailers](#). The survey covers a wide range of themes, and responses will help the GCA understand the behaviour of the retailers and issues affecting suppliers. Members are encouraged to complete the [survey](#) before it closes on 23 February 2025.

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### Consultation and review of the UK Internal Market Act

On 23 January the DBT opened a 10-week consultation to review the UK [Internal Market Act \(UKIM\)](#), aiming to enhance trade and economic growth across the UK. The review seeks to balance devolved decision-making with the integrity of the internal market, ensuring continued economic growth and improved living standards. The consultation closes on 3 April 2025.



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### Extension of easements of import checks

On 9 January [new legislation on import checks](#) was laid before Parliament to extend existing statutory derogations from 1 February 2025 to 1 February 2027 on some import certification requirements. These include Certificates of Inspection for organic good entering GB from the EU, the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland and the existing non-statutory derogation for marketing standards certifications for fresh fruit and vegetables (Certificates of Conformity) entering GB from the EU. The new Regulations come into effect on 1 February.



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## Safety & Security Declarations

From 31 January 2025, all EU imports into GB will require [Safety and Security declarations](#) – this is a new requirement. HMRC has published [guidance on submitting S&S declarations](#), including a short video, to help supply chains prepare for the new requirements.



## New UK Export Academy free events

As part of its series '[How-To' series](#), the UK Export Academy will be running a series of free online events for traders in February including:

- [Learn how to conduct international market research and gain business intelligence](#): 3 February, 14:00-15:00.
- [Learn how to build an effective international marketing strategy](#): 5 February, 14:00-15:00.



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## Made in the UK, Sold to the World Awards

Applications for DBT's '[Made in the UK, Sold to the World Awards](#)' are now open. The Awards recognise and celebrate the exporting success of small UK businesses.

Winners will receive a number of prizes, including a year's membership to the Chartered Institute of Export & International Trade. The deadline for applications is 9 March.



## WHO/FAO/WOAH report on SPS standards development



The WHO, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) have published a report titled '[Use and Implementation of Codex, IPPC, and WOAH Standards: How Do the Three Sisters Monitor the Impact of Their Work?](#)' The document examines how the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and the WOAH —collectively known as 'the three sisters'— develop and monitor international standards to ensure the safe trade of food, animals, and plants. It highlights the importance of these standards in protecting global exports from risks such as unsafe food and the spread of pests and diseases.

## Partners

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## BSI report on water security

The British Standards Institution's (BSI) '[Thirst for Change](#)' report highlights the critical role of the food and agriculture sector in global water security, noting that approximately 69% of freshwater withdrawals are attributed to agriculture.

The report emphasises that adopting innovative farming techniques, leveraging technology, and implementing water labelling can enhance water efficiency and appeal to consumers. The report highlights the importance of collaboration and a shift towards a water-saving culture to ensure the sustainability of essential water resources for continued food production.



## BNF webinar on funding for collaborative research in diet and health

The British Nutrition Foundation (BNF) will be hosting a webinar on 18 February, from 14:00-16:30, to explore the 2025 funding opportunities available in diet and health innovation through the Diet and Health Open Innovation and Research Club (OIRC). For more information and to register for the event, click [here](#).



### UKIA Spring Conference 2025

The UK Irrigation Association (UKIA) will be holding its Spring conference on 5 March 2025, titled 'Taking control and responsibility for water'. This conference will showcase practical farmer-led solutions, including insights from UK growers. Speakers from the NFU, Environment Agency (EA), and industry experts will discuss water resilience, policy developments, and innovative approaches like paludiculture for sustainable farming.



### FDF Scotland 'Celebrating Reformulation & Innovation for Health' – 12 March

Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Scotland, together with FSS, will be hosting the 'Celebrating Reformulation & Innovation for Health' event on 12 March at Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh, from 9:30-15:30.



This free event is about celebrating the innovative work of Scotland's food system in making products healthier, and empowering manufacturers to adapt to future pressures. To sign up for the event, click [here](#).



### FDF NFCU Food Fraud Workshop

The FDF will host a free in-person workshop with the FSA's National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) on food fraud on 4 February, from 10:00-15:00, in its offices in London.

The workshop will give companies the opportunity to work through a 'live' scenario with members of the NFCU, to help better understand how to prevent food fraud and how to deal with it should their company be impacted. For more information and to register for the event, click [here](#).



### Food Authenticity Network Online Conference

The Food Authenticity Network (FAN) will hold its inaugural online conference on 11 – 12 February, from 13:00-17:00. Titled 'Analysis 4 Authenticity', the event aims to foster knowledge sharing and highlight research, innovation and collaboration among experts, researchers, and industry professionals. For more information and to register for the event, click [here](#).

### New IFST Fact Sheet on Food Crime



The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) has published a new [Fact Sheet on Food Crime](#), highlighting illegal activities in the food supply chain, such as adulteration, mislabelling, and counterfeiting. The guide offers tips to identify and avoid food fraud, including checking labels, inspecting packaging, and buying from trusted retailers. It also raises awareness of high-risk products like spices, fish, and olive oil.



### IFST and Campden BRI event on reformulation of processed foods in London

The IFST and Campden BRI are hosting an event titled '[Reformulation of Processed Food – Perceptions, Realities and Balance](#)' on 17 March at [IFE Manufacturing 2025](#), which will take place at the ExCeL Centre in London. The event will address challenges and opportunities in food reformulation, focussing on improving nutritional profiles, clean label trends, and strategies to reduce high-fat, salt, and sugar content in processed foods.



## IFST Oxford Food Summit 2025

The IFST and the University of Oxford will be hosting its annual Oxford Food Summit on 10 July, at the University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute. Themed 'Designing Adaptive Food Systems for Sustainable Nutrition', the event will bring together global leaders in science, industry, and policy to explore innovative solutions for resilient and sustainable food systems. To pre-register for tickets, click [here](#).



## Potatoes in Practice 2025

Potatoes in Practice, the UK's largest field-based potato event, is scheduled for 7 August 2025, at Balruddery Farm, Invergowrie, Dundee.

Exhibitors interested in participating should submit the booking form for field plots by 28 February. Other important dates and information are available from the [Potatoes in Practice website](#).



## British Potato 2025

This year's [British Potato Industry](#) Event will take place on 19-20 November at the Yorkshire Event Centre, in Harrogate. The event will unite professionals from across the potato supply chain for two action-packed days of networking, innovation, and industry insights. This must-attend event offers unparalleled opportunities to connect with leading experts, discover the latest trends, and explore cutting-edge technology that's shaping the future of the potato sector. Registration for the event opens in May.

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### PPA Board

2025 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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### Food Law and Consumer [FLC] committee

25 March 2025	13:30-17:00	Microsoft Teams (online)
1 July 2025	11:00-15:00	In person - London
12 November 2025	13:30-17:00	Microsoft Teams (online)

### Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee

11 March 2025	10:30-12:30	Hybrid – online and Peterborough
Other 2025 TBC	TBC	TBC

## PPA circulars issued in January 2025

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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.
06-Jan	RASFFs Weeks 51/2024 & 52 2024, and Week 1 2025	001/25
07-Jan	Bread and Flour Regulations – update on delivery plan for folic acid fortification	002/25
07-Jan	EU Pesticide Renewal Monitor, December 2024	003/25
08-Jan	PPWR formally adopted	004/25
08-Jan	Annual Acrylamide Data Collection activity	005/25

08-Jan	EUDR officially postponed	006/25
08-Jan	FSA consultation on market authorisation for several regulated products (additives, flavourings, FCM, GMOs and novel food)	007/25
08-Jan	Annual Acrylamide Data Collection activity - other products	008/25
08-Jan	Updated (December 2024) EC Q&A on imports of composite products into the EU	009/25
09-Jan	2025 FLC meeting dates	010/25
09-Jan	FLC meeting minutes: 14 November 2024	011/25
10-Jan	Defra reminder on Safety and Security Declarations on EU goods from 31 January (BTOM)	012/25
10-Jan	Official Controls: EC Implementing Reg. amending Implementing Reg. (EU) 2024/3153 on the temporary increase of official controls & emergency measures (11th amendment)	013/25
13-Jan	GCA 2025 survey	014/25
13-Jan	SG Nutritional Standards for Early Learning and Childcare Providers	015/25
13-Jan	Input into FDF industry position on PAL	016/25
13-Jan	ASA/CAP interim statement on UK-wide LHF advertising restrictions	017/25
13-Jan	Summary of responses to WG consultation on HFSS promotion restrictions published	018/25
14-Jan	Smoke Flavourings: EC update on the phase out measures	019/25
15-Jan	RASFFs Week 2 2025	020/25
16-Jan	AA letter to UK Government on LHF advertising restrictions	021/25
17-Jan	CIPC Monitoring protocol 2024-25	022/25
17-Jan	Labelling: Dutch allergen management policy notified via TRIS – FoodDrinkEurope draft comments	023/25
20-Jan	RASFFs Week 3 2025	024/25
20-Jan	Bread and Flour Regulations – UKFM statement on folic acid fortification of wheat flour	025/25
22-Jan	Official Controls: Corrigendum EC Implementing Reg. (EU) 2024/3153 on the temporary increase of official controls & emergency measures	026/25
23-Jan	Publication of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWR)	027/25
24-Jan	Media Monitoring: PPA Media Monitoring Annual Summary -2024	028/25
27-Jan	RASFFs Week 4 2025	029/24
27-Jan	KIND REMINDER: Input into FDF industry position on PAL	030/25
28-Jan	Notes from Commission's Working Group on Environmental contaminants, 12-13 December 2024	031/25
29-Jan	WHO guideline on the use of lower-sodium salt substitutes	032/25
29-Jan	ESA process contaminants issue tracker	033/25
30-Jan	UK Government response to House of Lords report on the food system	034/25
31-Jan	Monthly digest of EU legislation (January 2025)	035/25
31-Jan	Plant protection products log – January 2025	036/25
31-Jan	EFSA Reports on water in post-harvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetable and herbs	037/25
31-Jan	PhD student programme	038/25
31-Jan	PPA monthly newsletter – January 2025	039/25

#### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
07-Jan	EU Pesticide Renewal Monitor, December 2024	001/25
10-Jan	Summary from the Scottish Virus meeting, 3 December 2024	002/25
13-Jan	Glyphosate resistance	003/25
13-Jan	NFU request for PPA members support	004/25

13-Jan	Doodle poll for next PPTC meeting	005/25
14-Jan	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 9 January 2025	006/25
17-Jan	PVC CIPC Protocol 2024/25	007/25
17-Jan	Draft Letter on IHT	008/25
20-Jan	Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme - October 2024 Rolling Report	009/25
20-Jan	2024 - 25 Seed Potato Classification Scheme Marketing Season Update	010/25
20-Jan	Farm Assurance Review Published	011/25
21-Jan	List of relevant actives withdrawn or amended EU and GB (potatoes)	012/25
22-Jan	FINAL Draft Letter on IHT	013/25
22-Jan	PVS Strategy Workshop for Industry	014/25
24-Jan	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 23 January 2025	015/25
24-Jan	Confirmation of next PPTC meeting date	016/25
24-Jan	Media Monitoring: PPA Media Monitoring Annual Summary -2024	017/25
24-Jan	IHT letter	018/25
28-Jan	Notes from Commission's Working Group on Environmental contaminants, 12-13 December 2024	019/25
29-Jan	ESA process contaminants issue tracker	020/25
31-Jan	Monthly digest of EU legislation (January 2025)	021/25
31-Jan	Plant protection products log – January 2025	022/25
31-Jan	EFSA Reports on water in post-harvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetable and herbs	023/25
31-Jan	PhD student programme	024/25
31-Jan	PPA monthly newsletter – January 2025	025/25

## **Upcoming events**

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2-5 February 2025	<a href="#">Confectionery Trade Show, Cologne, France</a>
3 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Conduct international market research and gain business intelligence, online</a>
4 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF NFCU Food Fraud Workshop, London</a>
4 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: Market Access (Part 2) Requirements for a UK Food and Drink Exporter, online</a>
5 February 2025	<a href="#">FSS DISH Report webinar, online</a>
5 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Build an effective international marketing strategy, online</a>
6 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: Pricing considerations for Food and Drink exporters, online</a>
7 February 2025	SACAPP Potato Conference 2025, Dundee, Scotland
7 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Access new international markets, online</a>
10 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Manage agents and distributors in export markets, online</a>
12 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF Sustainability Networking Breakfast, London</a>
12 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Navigate international taxes, tariffs and rules of origin, online</a>
12 February 2025	<a href="#">FAN 'Analysis 4 Authenticity' online conference, online</a>
12 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF/RAMBOLL webinar: New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) in the food and drinks sector, online</a>
12-13 February 2025	<a href="#">Packaging Innovations &amp; Empack, NEC Birmingham</a>
13 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Navigate international regulatory bodies, online</a>

13 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF/AON webinar: Health, Benefits and Talent webinar for the Food &amp; Drink Industry, online</a>
13 February 2025	<a href="#">Food Manufacture Business Leaders' Forum, London</a>
14 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF webinar: State of Industry Insights, online</a>
17 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Use Incoterms correctly, online</a>
17-21 February 2025	<a href="#">Gulfoods Trade Show, Dubai, UAE</a>
18 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF/Fera webinar: Navigating the EUDR – Testing &amp; Dataset Creation for Compliance, online</a>
18 February 2025	<a href="#">BNF webinar: OIRC Funding for collaborative research in diet and health</a>
19 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF/Ashbury webinar: Getting your product on the market in 2025 - Formulation to Packaging, online</a>
25 February 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: How to: Develop an Export Plan, online</a>
25 February 2025	<a href="#">FDF webinar: Fibre February Webinar: Supporting higher fibre breakfasts, online</a>
27 February 2025	<a href="#">insidermedia/DBT: Made in Scotland, Sold to the World Exporter Roadshow, Edinburgh</a>
27 February 2025	<a href="#">FSS webinar: Preventing Food Crime, online</a>
28 February 2025	<a href="#">Suffolk Coastal Port Health Stakeholder Forum, Felixstowe</a>
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
12 March 2025	<a href="#">FDF Scotland/FSS Celebrating Innovation and Reformulation for Health, Edinburgh</a>
17-19 March 2025	<a href="#">IFE 2025, London</a>
17 March 2025	<a href="#">IFST/Campden BRI Forum: Reformulation of Processed Food – Perceptions, Realities and Balance, London</a>
26 March 2025	FDF Food and Drink Industry Dinner, London
27 March 2025	<a href="#">Chatham House Global Trade 2025, London and online</a>
27-28 March 2025	<a href="#">Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, Paris</a>
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
12-14 May 2025	<a href="#">World Retail Congress, London</a>
10 July 2025	<a href="#">IFST/University of Oxford: Oxford Food Summit 2025, Oxford</a>
7 August 2025	<a href="#">Potatoes in Practice 2025, Dundee</a>
3-4 September 2025	<a href="#">Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands</a>
9-5 November 2025	<a href="#">Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany</a>
19-20 November 2025	<a href="#">British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire</a>

## **Industry meetings**

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3 February 2025	Defra Bread & Flour Regulations Guidance, online
4 February 2025	IFST Food Regulatory SIG, online
4 February 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Consumer Information (INCO) mtg, hybrid
4 February 2025	Nematicide Stewardship Programme (NSP) meeting, online
5 February 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Contaminants (CONTAM) mtg, Brussels
6 February 2025	FDF Allergen Steering Group (ASG) (hybrid) and FSA/FDF Workshop on PAL, London
6 February 2025	Potato Stakeholder group, fortnightly meeting
10 February 2025	FDF EPR Advocacy Group, hybrid
11 February 2025	FDF Nutrition (NUT) Committee, hybrid
11 February 2025	Meeting between CRMG and HSE (CRD), online
12 February 2025	European Potato Value Chain mtg, online
12 February 2025	Defra precision breeding event (update on secondary legislation), online
17 February 2025	UKIA AGM, location TBC
18 February 2025	EUPPA Additives Taskforce mtg, online

19 February 2025	FDF Residues & Contaminants Committee (RAC), hybrid
20 February 2025	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG), hybrid
20 February 2025	National Virus Forum, Fera, York
20 February 2025	Potato Stakeholder group, fortnightly meeting
27 February 2025	FDF Food Ingredients (FIG) Committee, 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 January 2025)

[COLLECTION: Customs, VAT and excise UK transition legislation from 1 January 2021](#) (last updated 9 December 2024)

[DIT/DBT Guidance: UK trade agreements in effect](#) (last updated 2 January 2025)

[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 27 January 2025)

[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)

[NI-GB Trader Support Service](#)

[Guidance: Moving qualifying goods from Northern Ireland to the rest of the UK](#) (last updated 31 January 2025)

#### **UK Imports**

[Defra Guidance: Import animal products for human consumption from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 21 January 2025)

[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 to GB](#) (last updated 23 January 2025)

[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: EU imports to England and Wales 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)

[HMRC Guidance: Importing SPS controlled goods that interact with ALVS](#) (last updated 23 October 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 29 January 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 3 December 2024)

[Defra: Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 3 December 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 30 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 16 December 2024)

[Defra Guidance: Animals, animal products and HRFNAO imports: authorised border control posts in the UK](#) (last updated 16 January 2025)

## **Exports**

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

[APHA Plant Health Portal](#)

[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 2 January 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Search the register of customs agents and express operators](#) (last updated 16 January 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 24 January 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Safety and security requirements on imports and exports](#) (last updated 16 December 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)

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

[Defra Guidance: Recyclability assessment methodology: how to assess your packaging waste](#) (first published 23 December 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 December 2024)

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

[EA Research and analysis. Water situation: area monthly reports for England 2024](#) (last updated 14 January 2025)

[EA Research and analysis: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 30 January 2025)

[DfE Guidance: School food standards practical guide](#) (last updated 21 January 2025)

[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](#) (last updated 3 December 2024).

## **Current consultations**

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**FSA: [Consultation on Market Authorisation of 10 Regulated Food and Feed Products December 2024](#)**  
(closes on 19 February 2025)

**FSA: [Consultation on amending references to correctly reference assimilated law](#)** (closes on 31 March 2025)

**DBT: [DBT consultation on UK Internal Market Act 2020](#)** (closes on 3 April 2025)

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