

Newsletter – February 2025

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Business Secretary outlines ambitious growth plans

On 13 February, [Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds delivered a speech](#) at Samsung KX in London, highlighting the Government's commitment to accelerating economic growth. He emphasised the importance of a strong partnership between the public and private sectors, noting the success of the recent International Investment Summit. Reynolds also introduced [the Industrial Strategy Green Paper](#) and the establishment of the [Industrial Strategy Council](#), led by Clare Barclay, aiming to foster innovation and position the UK as a global leader in cutting-edge industries.



UK Government

UK-EU summit

The [UK government will host European Commission \(EC\) officials for a summit](#) on 19 May to discuss a range of topics, including the potential for a comprehensive Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement and youth mobility.



Publication of the EU competitiveness compass and clean industrial deal

At the beginning of February, the EC published its '[Communication on the Competitiveness Compass](#)', outlining policy changes to boost European competitiveness and improve decision-making. Later in the month, the EC also introduced its '[Clean Industrial Deal](#)', which aims to turn decarbonisation into a growth driver by lowering energy costs, creating jobs, and promoting circularity through recycling and sustainable production.

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Government advances Precision Breeding legislation

On 25 February, Secretary of State Steve Reed announced that the [secondary legislation required to implement the Precision Breeding Act](#) for plants in England had been laid before Parliament. If approved, it will come into force in the Autumn 2025. To support industry adoption, the Government is reinstating the Precision Breeding Industry Working Group to foster collaboration across the supply chain.



FSA consultations to Food Law Codes of Practice and Guidance

On 24 February, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) launched three consultations on proposed changes to the [England](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland \(NI\)](#) Codes of Practice and Food Law Practice Guidance. All three consultations will close on 19 May 2025.



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Consultation on Precision Bred Plant Varieties Framework in England

On 17 February, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) launched a [consultation seeking feedback on a proposed framework for precision bred plant varieties in England](#). The framework includes the introduction of a Precision Bred Plant Variety List for agricultural and vegetable varieties. The consultation closes on 14 April.



Committee on Toxicity Annual Report 2024 published

The [Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products, and the Environment \(COT\) has released its Annual Report for 2024](#). The report summarises key evaluations on topics such as the safety of titanium dioxide (E171) as a food additive. It also explores emerging concerns, including the risks associated with food contact materials and the impact of bisphenol A (BPA) exposure and outlines work expected in 2025, including T2 and HT2 mycotoxins, ergot alkaloids PFAS and smoke flavourings. Additionally, the report highlights ongoing work on marine biotoxins, drinking water standards, and chemical risk assessment methodologies.



Draft legislation on Regulated Products laid

On 29 January, the FSA introduced the draft [Food and Feed \(Regulated Products\) \(Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) ('reform SI'). Expected to come into force on 1 April, subject to Parliamentary approval, the reforms aim to make the authorisations process for feed additives, smoke flavourings and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) for use in food and feed more efficient. Key changes include removing periodic renewal requirements and allowing authorisations to take effect following ministerial approval, with publication in a public register rather than by Statutory Instrument.



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NFCU Food Fraud Resilience Self-Assessment Tool

The FSA's National Food Crime Unit's (NFCU) Prevention Team has recently revised its [Food Fraud Resilience Self-Assessment Tool](#). The tool now features additional content, advice, and useful links. Users can also request further information, support, and engagement from the Food Fraud Prevention team directly. All services are free, and the tool can be used anonymously. Upon completing the initial process, businesses are encouraged to take advantage of a full food fraud assessment, also free of charge, offering tailored guidance to enhance protection against food crime, with flexible scheduling to suit their needs.

Update on import restrictions on meat and dairy from Germany - FMD

At the end of January, the UK updated its restrictions on meat and dairy imports from Germany following the recent foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak. [OVS Note 2025/08](#) confirms the insertion of closing dates in Germany's fresh meat listings, restricting imports of FMD-susceptible meat. [OVS Note 2025/09](#) outlines acceptable risk-mitigating treatments for meat and dairy products, including specific heat treatments and required documentation for import clearance.



New EU regulation on FCMs

On 25 February, the EC published its new [Regulation on Food Contact Materials \(FCMs\): Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/351 of 21 February 2025](#).

The new Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles and Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 on recycled plastic materials and articles, and Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practice for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food as regards recycled plastic and other matters related to quality control and manufacturing of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. Regulation (EC) No 282/2008 is repealed.



EFSA annual call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants data

On 24 February, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) issued its [annual call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data](#) in food and feed.

EFSA is collecting data on a vast list of contaminants, including acrylamide, glycoalkaloids and 3-MCPD. The deadline for the complete transmission of all data is 30 June 2025. The European Snacks Association (ESA) has, or will, issue specific calls for data to members for a number of these contaminants.



EFSA guidance for reporting 'No presence' data for additives and flavourings

On 19 February, EFSA published its [Reporting guidance for 'No presence' data on food additives and food flavourings at sample level - 2025](#). This document should be used for the reporting to EFSA of the no presence of food additives and food flavourings in samples.



EFSA reporting guidance for use level data on food additives and food flavourings published

Also on 19 February, EFSA published its [Reporting guidance for use level data on food additives and food flavourings - 2025](#). This document should be used for the reporting to EFSA of the use levels of food additives and food flavourings in product categories/foods.



EFSA opinion on the re-evaluation of certain gas additives

On 31 January, EFSA published its [scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of butane \(E 943a\), isobutane \(E 943b\), and propane \(E 944\) as food additives](#). The Panel concluded that their use at current levels does not pose a safety concern.



EFSA meeting on conventionally smoked food safety

EFSA is organising an online stakeholder meeting on 27 March to discuss the [safety of conventionally smoked food](#). The meeting will present a new EC mandate requesting a scientific opinion on smoked meat, fish, and dairy products. It will also provide a platform for stakeholders to share experiences and discuss a call for data.



EC report on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

On 4 February, the EC published a [review of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#), assessing progress from its launch in 2021 to the end of 2024. The review examines achievements, the implementation status of various actions, and whether current measures are sufficient to meet the plan's objectives or if further action is needed. It includes a section on improving health promotion through access to healthy diets and physical activity, highlighting recent initiatives like the Joint Action 'PreventNCD' and pending actions such as reducing carcinogenic contaminants in food, including acrylamide.



EU updates to flavouring regulations

The EC has published two new regulations amending Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 on Flavourings. [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/140](#) adds (*E*)-3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-*N,N*-diphenyl-2-propenamide to the Union list of flavourings. [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/147](#) removes 4-Methyl-2-phenylpent-2-enal (FL No 05.100), with transitional measures allowing foods containing it. Imports already in transit before the regulation's entry into force are also permitted under these conditions.

The [European Flavour Association](#) (EFFA) has issued an information letter for customers regarding the recent amendments, which can be provided to PPA members upon request.

foodwatch[®] Call for an EU ban on aspartame

On World Cancer Day, 4 February, Foodwatch, Ligue contre le Cancer, and Yuka, launched a [campaign urging the EU to ban aspartame](#) in food and drinks, supported by an online petition. [Foodwatch](#) has also issued a report titled 'Clean washing against aspartame', which cites concerns over industry influence in regulatory approvals and cites the International Agency for Research on Cancer's (IARC) 2023 classification of aspartame as 'possibly carcinogenic.' The report examines its use in the beverage sector, flaws in its regulatory history, and potential health risks, including cancer and metabolic diseases.

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UKRI seeks public input on ultra-processed foods

On 19 February, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) launched [a nationwide initiative inviting the public to share their views on ultra-processed foods \(UPFs\)](#). This project aims to gather insights into public perceptions of UPFs, including their health impacts, governance, and regulation. The findings will help shape future research and contribute to the development of the new National Food Strategy. This work will be supported by an oversight group, made up of representatives from academia, government, industry, and non-governmental organisations. The final report is expected in January 2026.



FSS DISH survey results and webinar

Last month we shared the news that Food Standards Scotland (FSS) has 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. On 5 February, FSS hosted a webinar to discuss the findings. A [webinar recording](#) is now available to watch.



New indicator added to 'Wider Determinants of Health' profile

On 10 February, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) updated the ['Wider Determinants of Health'](#) profile to include a new indicator: the number of fast food outlets per 100,000 population in local authorities across England. This addition aims to provide insights into the density of fast food outlets, which can influence dietary behaviours and obesity rates. The data reveals significant regional variations, with more deprived areas often having higher concentrations of these outlets. This information is intended to support local authorities in planning and public health initiatives.



FSS 'Food and You 2 Survey'

On 5 February, FSS published its latest ['Food and You 2 Survey \(Scotland\) Wave 8 Key Findings Report'](#). This is the first time a sample of consumers in Scotland has been included in the Food and You 2 survey, which has been running in England, Wales and Northern Ireland since 2020. It presents the key findings emerging from the data gathered in Scotland and focuses on eating at home and food safety practices among consumers. It also covers eating out and ordering takeaways, consumer concerns about food, food allergies and intolerances, sustainable diets and meat alternatives, and genetic technologies.



CAP consultation on revised implementation guidance of UK-wide LHF restrictions

On 18 February, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and the Committee on Advertising Practice (CAP) published their further [consultation on the draft guidance on implementation of new rules on ads for 'Less Healthy Foods' \(LHF\) products](#). The consultation closes on 18 March 2025.



Draft Welsh Regulation on HFSS promotion restrictions published

On 11 February the Welsh Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Jeremy Miles, presented draft Regulations to the Senedd aimed at restricting the promotion of food and drink high in fat, sugar, and salt (HFSS) in Wales. [The Food \(Promotion and Presentation\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) will be debated in March, and if approved, the final Regulation will be published. The Regulations include a 12-month implementation period, coming into full effect by March 2026. Following the debate, the Welsh Government (WG) will also release technical implementation guidance. An [Explanatory Memorandum](#) has already been published.



EUFIC webinar on UPF

On 31 January, the European Food Information Council (EUFIC) hosted a webinar on UPF, focusing on consumer perspectives and innovative solutions. Topics included the impact of UPFs on children's health, consumer expectations, classification tools, and alternatives to UPFs. The discussion also covered challenges for the food industry and accessibility in underprivileged communities. A recording of the webinar is available [online](#).

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Understanding the Scope of the CAP Code

On 27 February, CAP published an article titled ['Think you know what the CAP Code applies to?'](#) outlining the scope of the CAP code across various advertising formats, including printed materials, online, and outdoor advertising, while also highlighting applicable exemptions, such as TV and radio advertising, where the UK Code of Broadcast Advertising (BCAP Code) applies.

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UK Joint Policy Statement on pEPR

On 27 February, Defra, the Scottish Government (SG), the WG, and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in NI published a [Joint Policy Statement on Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging \(pEPR\)](#). The statement outlines the policy's environmental objectives, including promoting sustainable packaging, preventing waste, increasing reuse and recycling, and reducing overall packaging materials. The four nations see these goals, delivered through PackUK, as key to supporting a circular economy and improving carbon efficiency. The statement also sets out PackUK's first-year deliverables, required governance documents, and publication deadlines.



DRS management organisation application update

Following the entry into force of [The Deposit Scheme for drinks containers \(England and Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2025](#) at the end of January, an [industry-backed application to operate the Deposit Return Scheme \(DRS\)](#) in England, NI, and Scotland has been submitted, with a view to launch DRS in October 2027. A three-nation decision on the application is expected by April 2025.



PackUK senior leadership opportunities

PackUK, the UK's pEPR Scheme Administrator, is currently recruiting for two key senior roles.

- [The Chief Strategy Officer for PackUK](#) – applications accepted until 14 March.
- [The Chief Executive Officer of PackUK](#) – applications accepted until 18 March.

PackUK is also calling new [industry experts to join three of their advisory groups](#): the Recyclability Assessment Methodology Technical Advisory Committee, the Effectiveness and Efficiency Technical Advisory Committee and the Communications and Behaviour Change Advisory Group. Applications will close on 10 March.



Upcoming packaging data submission deadlines - pEPR

On 19 February, Defra issued new guidance reminding organisations affected by the [pEPR scheme for packaging of the upcoming data submission deadlines](#). Large producers are required to submit data for the period 1 July to 31 December 2024 by 1 April 2025, whereas data collected for the first half of 2025 will need to be submitted by 1 October 2025. Small producers must also submit their 2024 packaging data by 1 April 2025 but data for the first half of 2025 will need to be submitted by 1 April 2026. Data should be submitted through the 'Report Packaging Data' service. Failure to meet these deadlines may result in penalties. Organisations are advised to contact their environmental regulator if they anticipate any issues.



Defra clarification on the application of pEPR Regulation 60

Following sector feedback, Defra has issued a revised statement to clarify [producer liability pEPR fees](#). The update confirms that an entity is only liable for pEPR fees in an Assessment Year if it qualifies as a Producer under Regulation 15 during that period. If an entity ceases to be a Producer before the start of an Assessment Year and does not requalify, it will not be liable for fees for that year. This statement is not intended as accounting guidance, and Defra recommends that producers consult audit firms where necessary.



UK Government

Digital Waste Tracking delayed until 2026

UK Ministers have agreed to [delay the implementation of mandatory Digital Waste Tracking](#), originally set for April 2025. The [decision](#), made in collaboration with the governments of Scotland, Wales, and NI, reflects concerns from industry and delivery partners about the challenges of preparing within the available timeframe. The UK remains committed to launching a nationwide digital waste tracking service from April 2026. A [joint letter was sent to industry stakeholders](#) on 6 February to confirm the deferral.



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New simpler recycling workplace rules from 31 March

From 31 March many workplaces in England, including businesses and non-domestic premises, will be legally required to separate recycling and food waste from general waste. To support businesses in adapting to these changes, a webinar on the new Simpler Recycling requirements for the hospitality sector was held on 29 January, featuring insights from WRAP, the EA, and industry case studies. A [recording of the session](#) is available online. Further details can be found [here](#).

Office for the Internal Market

Impact of Single-Use Plastics Restrictions on the UK Internal Market

On 12 February, the Office for the Internal Market (OIM) published a report assessing the [impact of restrictions on single-use plastics \(SUP\)](#) on UK businesses and the internal market. The study found that while SUP regulations have significantly affected some businesses, overall market disruptions have been limited due to broad alignment between UK nations. Businesses prefer consistency in SUP policies across the UK and with the EU to reduce compliance costs. The report also highlights lessons learned from previous regulations, including the need for clear guidance and coordinated implementation timelines.



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Strengthening the UK's food resilience

The National Preparedness Commission has published '[Just in Case: 7 Steps to Narrow the UK Civil Food Resilience Gap](#)', outlining actions to improve food security in the UK. Key recommendations include developing a national food resilience policy, increasing domestic production, investing in food storage, and strengthening supply chains. The report emphasises the need for a coordinated approach to mitigate risks from climate change, geopolitical tensions, and economic pressures.



Omnibus Package to simplify sustainability rules

At the end of February, the EC adopted a package of proposals to simplify EU sustainability rules, enhance competitiveness, and encourage investment. The '[Omnibus Package](#)' includes changes to sustainable finance reporting, due diligence, the EU Taxonomy, and the carbon border adjustment mechanism. Key proposals include narrowing the scope of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) to companies with over 1,000 employees and limiting due diligence obligations within the CSRD to direct partners only. The proposals will now be reviewed by the European Parliament (EP) and the Council. The EC has also issued a detailed [Q&A document](#) explaining the foreseen changes.



EC note on application of the PPWR in NI

The EC has issued a [guidance notice on the application of Regulation \(EU\) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste](#) (Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation – PPWR) in NI under the Windsor Framework. The regulation replaces Directive 94/62/EC and will apply in NI as per the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement. However, certain provisions, including those related to pEPR, waste prevention measures, and reporting obligations, will not apply unless NI adopts equivalent measures. This clarification aims to ensure regulatory alignment while recognising the region's specific legal context.

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Agri-Climate Report 2024

On 27 February, Defra published its [Agri-Climate Report 2024](#), detailing the impact of UK agriculture on climate change. Key findings include a 12% reduction in total agricultural greenhouse gas emissions between 1990 and 2022, primarily due to decreased livestock numbers and fertiliser use. Additionally, the 2024 Farm Practices Survey indicates that 58% of English farmers consider greenhouse gas emissions important in business decisions.



Rural Payments
Agency

RPA introduces Flood Extent Classification tool

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) has introduced a [Flood Extent Classification](#) tool to identify agricultural land affected by significant flooding events. This tool is part of a four-stage process to determine potential eligibility for the Farming Recovery Fund (FRF).



Rapid Flood Guidance trial service results

The Flood Forecasting Centre (FFC) conducted a [trial of the Rapid Flood Guidance \(RFG\)](#) service from 14 May to 30 September 2024, aiming to enhance short-notice flood updates for England and Wales. Trial results were published on 26 February, with 84% rating their experience as positive. The FFC now plans to implement an updated RFG service in Summer 2025, incorporating user feedback for enhanced customisation and clarity.



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Environment Secretary Steve Reed addresses NFU Conference

On 25 February, [Environment Secretary Steve Reed spoke at the NFU Conference](#), acknowledging the challenges faced by farmers, including high input costs, tight margins, and supply chain inequities. He [announced](#) the establishment of a new farming profitability unit within Defra to enhance farmers' earnings. Reed also unveiled plans to extend the Seasonal Worker visa scheme for five years, aiming to provide workforce stability while promoting innovation and reducing reliance on seasonal labour. Additionally, he committed to prioritising British produce in public sector catering contracts and investing £110 million in agricultural technology to support sustainable and profitable farming practices.



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Announcement on Higher Level Stewardship payments and Capital Grants

On 25 February, Defra announced an increase in payment rates for existing [Higher Level Stewardship \(HLS\) agreements](#), benefiting farmers and land managers engaged in nature-friendly practices, particularly in upland regions. Additionally, the Environmental Land Management (ELM) standalone [Capital Grants scheme](#), worth approximately £45m for 2025-26 is set to reopen this summer, following the processing of 4,000 applications. A further £110m investment is planned to help farmers adopt advanced equipment and technologies, supporting sustainable food production and the transition to net-zero.



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England Farm Business Survey 2023/24

On 20 February, Defra released a report and dataset of the [Farm Business Survey 2023/24](#) in England. The report, titled 'Monitoring the agricultural transition period in England, 2023/24' provides an overview of changes to the Basic Payment and agri-environment payments for farm businesses in England in the first years of the agricultural transition period which began in January 2021. It also provides analysis on farmer's intentions regarding changes to their business.



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SFI action uptake January 2025

Also on 20 February, Defra published official statistics on the number of [Sustainable Farming Incentive \(SFI\) agreements](#) that were live as of 1 January 2025.



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Defra consultation on Farm Practices Survey

On 5 February, Defra has published a [consultation on the future of the Farm Practices Survey](#) (FPS), an annual assessment of how farming practices in England are influenced by current agricultural and environmental issues. The February 2025 survey will proceed as scheduled, with results expected in May or June. However, Defra proposes pausing the survey in 2026 to evaluate its relevance and effectiveness. Options under consideration include discontinuing the survey, reducing its frequency and content, or maintaining an annual schedule with rotating topics. The consultation closes on 1 September.



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Farmer Opinion Tracker for England – October 2024

On 5 February, Defra published the [October 2024 Farmer Opinion Tracker](#), capturing farmers' perspectives on Defra's vision for farming. The survey revealed that 60% of farmers fully or roughly understand Defra's vision, a decrease from 64% in April 2024. Additionally, 35% are currently implementing changes to their farm businesses, with another 45% anticipating the need for changes within the next five years. Notably, 66% of respondents lack confidence that upcoming scheme and regulatory changes will lead to a successful future in farming.



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Defra consultation on land use in England

On 31 January Defra launched [a consultation on land use in England](#). This is a top-level consultation, setting out government's view on the long term type and scale of land use changes that might be needed to meet its legally binding targets under the Environment Act and the Climate Change Act. The consultation closes on 25 April.



Reminder to soil test for PCN as part of IPM strategy

Ongoing research from the PCN Action Scotland project highlights the importance of soil testing as a key step in integrated pest management (IPM) for controlling Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) this Spring. Accurate testing helps identify PCN species, enabling targeted management strategies. Growers using nematicides like fosthiazate should follow the Nematicide Stewardship Programme's best practice guidelines, including proper calibration and certification requirements. The [NSP website](#) also offers a detailed guide titled 'Code of Good Practice for the application of nematicides'.



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New Working with Natural Processes Evidence Directory

On 12 February, the Environment Agency (EA) released an updated '[Working with Natural Processes Evidence Directory](#)' (see [press release](#)), summarising recent research on natural flood management (NFM) measures. The directory highlights the effectiveness of various NFM strategies, such as catchment woodland, which can reduce flood peaks. The directory also introduces emerging evidence on the benefits of coastal reefs, submerged aquatic vegetation, and beavers in flood risk reduction.



European Vision for Agriculture and Food

On 19 February, the EC adopted its '[Communication on a Vision for Agriculture and Food](#)', aiming to create a competitive, resilient, and fair agri-food system. The focus is on simplifying regulations and making farming an attractive profession, rather than raising environmental standards. Key elements from the former Farm to Fork Strategy, such as the overhaul of EU pesticide rules and mandatory front-of-pack nutritional labelling, have been omitted.

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CRMG's 'Just One Test'

The CIPC Residue Monitoring Group (CRMG) has issues a request for 'Just One Test' from each potato store in the UK that has ever been treated with CIPC. If you have such stores where crops are stored for at least two months during the 2024/25 season, please share data from your routine multi-residue testing with [Adrian](#) at Potato Storage Insight (PSI). This data will contribute to the CRMG submission due in August 2025. To meet the requirement of 125 samples for the next data call, new contributors are always welcome.



Adoption of new Codex MRLs in GB

Following a review by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), selected Codex Maximum Residue Limits (CXLs) adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) in November 2024, have been implemented in Great Britain (GB) as Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) These new MRLs came into force on 17 January and are listed in the [GB MRL Statutory Register](#). Full details, including evaluation reports and decision documents, are available on the [HSE website](#).

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IGD Viewpoint report

The IGD has published its latest [Viewpoint report](#), providing insights into the key economic challenges and opportunities ahead in 2025. The report highlights the ongoing geopolitical volatility, low consumer confidence, and the potential impacts of a second Trump presidency on the food system. It also provides an analysis of the economic outlook, consumer sentiment, and government policy, emphasising the need for businesses to adapt to rising costs, including inflation and new regulations like the pEPR scheme. It also outlines the government's plans for a new Food Strategy and Farming Roadmap.

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New SPS controls for non-qualifying Northern Ireland goods

From 25 February, [non-qualifying NI](#) goods entering GB will be subject to SPS controls. These goods will require pre-notification via the Import of Products, Animals, Food, and Feed System (IPAFFS) and relevant certification. Designated points of entry apply, with specific requirements for live animals, animal products, plants, and plant products. Qualifying NI goods will continue to have unfettered access to GB.



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NIRMS labelling guidance for Phase 3 products

On 20 February, Defra amended its guidance on [‘Labelling requirements for certain products moving from Great Britain to retail premises in Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme’](#) (NIRMS). The update includes descriptions of products that need product-level ‘Not for EU’ labels in phase 3 (from 1 July 2025), and products that are exempt from labelling requirements.

In addition, Defra published a [list of commodity codes](#) for exempt products that do not need labelling under phase 3 of the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme. The list references the status of different types of crisps, snacks, nuts and processed potato products.



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for Environment
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New guidance on moving seed potatoes from GB-NI

Also on 20 February, Defra issued new guidance for growers and traders on using [Northern Ireland Plant Health Labels \(NIPHLs\) to move seed potatoes](#) from GB to NI. The guidance outlines the authorisation process for businesses, requirements for NI recipients, notification procedures, and record-keeping obligations.



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Extension to import certification derogations for organic products from the EU, EEA and Switzerland

Defra has introduced legislation to extend existing statutory [derogations on import certification requirements on organic products](#) imported into GB from the EU, the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland from 1 February 2025 to 1 February 2027. The extensions apply to several EU regulations governing organic products and agricultural imports, allowing more time to assess options for implementing import controls that minimise disruption to the organic sector and supply chains.



Updated resources on Windsor Framework

The latest release of Windsor Framework information is now available on the [Northern Ireland Customs & Trade Academy](#) (NICTA) website. NICTA is a digital learning platform designed to support and educate businesses who move goods under the Windsor Framework between GB and NI. Providing comprehensive information and support to facilitate trade, NICTA hosts guidance on how to move goods into and out of Northern Ireland when using the Trader Support Service.

Also, please note that the final NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum date for 2025 will take place on 27 March. Any future meetings will be convened on an ad-hoc basis.



New UK Export Academy free events

The UK Export Academy will be running a series of free online events for traders in March including:

- [Transport, Logistics and Customs requirements for the Food and Drink exporter](#): 6 March 14:00-15:00.
- [Selling Food & Drink to Europe](#): 12 March, 10:00-11:00
- [Taste of Global Success webinar series recap](#): 19 March, 14:00-15:00.
- [Discover the opportunities to grow your education business in Eastern Europe and Central Asia](#): 31 March, 14:00-15:00.

You can explore other UK Export Academy events [here](#).



Department for
Business & Trade

Empowering Global Growth: Food and Drink Export Event

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) invites UK food and drink businesses to a free event on Tuesday, 18 March, from 08:30-10:30 at IFE, ExCel, London. Designed for companies aiming to start or resume exporting, '[Empowering Global Growth](#)' features industry experts sharing insights on overcoming export challenges. Attendees will have opportunities to connect with peers and learn about export support services from organisations such as DBT's Export Support Service, UK Export Finance, and the FDF. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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PPA to Chair FDF Associations' Advisory Group

Following approval by the PPA Board at the end of 2024, Andrew Curtis, Director-General at PPA, has been appointed Chair of the FDF Associations' Advisory Group (AAG). Andrew's first meeting as Chairperson of the AAG will be on 31 March. Further 2025 AAG meetings are scheduled for 8 July and 24 November.



UKIA Spring Conference 2025

The UK Irrigation Association (UKIA) will be holding its Spring conference 'Taking control and responsibility for water' on 5 March, at Orton Hall, Peterborough. 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. To register, [click here](#).



Low Carbon Agriculture Show 2025

[The Low Carbon Agriculture Show 2025](#) will take place on 5-6 March, at NAEC Stoneleigh. It is the UK's only event dedicated to showcasing low-carbon practices, cutting-edge technology, and energy solutions for a sustainable farming future.

[Register](#) and attend the Low Carbon Agriculture Show 2025 to be in with a chance of winning a FREE site screening assessment.



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

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 Food and Drink Industry Dinner

The FDF will host its annual Food and Drink Industry Dinner on 26 March, from 18:00, at Guildhall, London.

Attended by over 400 guests, this black-tie dinner brings together the best-known global food & drink brands, the UK's most successful SMEs, FDF professional affiliates and other key stakeholders. To register, [click here](#).



Colombian Embassy Potato Event

On 23 March, the Colombian Embassy will be running the 'Potato Festival' in London, from 10:00 to 17:00. The event will celebrate the bicentenary diplomatic relations between Colombia and the UK in 2025 and is expected to attract around 500 attendees throughout the day. The organisers are seeking four British potato companies to host exhibition stands showcasing their products and speakers for a 90-minute panel session. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the PPA Secretariat.



Potato Storage Day 2025

On 21 May, PSI, together with SDF Agriculture and other partner organisations, will be running the 2025 Potato Storage Day. This is a grower-focussed half day event, which will take place at Holbeach, Lincolnshire, starting at 9.30. A light lunch will be provided. The programme is still being finalised but, if you are interested in being a partner and having a stand, or getting involved in the day's technical programme, please contact [Adrian](#) or [Simon](#).



ESA Savoury Snacks Production Course Part 1 in Budapest, June 2025

ESA has announced its Savoury Snacks Production Course Part 1, scheduled from 2-4 June, in Budapest, Hungary. This intensive three-day programme is tailored for professionals involved in producing savoury snacks. The course offers in-depth sessions on key production processes, and insights into raw material selection, snack pellet production, and emerging technologies. Participants will also benefit from discussions on food safety, acrylamide reduction, and regulatory developments within the snack industry. Early bird registration is available until 20 March. For more information and to register, please visit the [ESA website](#) or contact veronica@esasnacks.eu.



Invitation to the Mancozeb Summit in June 2025

UPL, in partnership with the Center of Excellence for Regulatory Science in Agriculture at NC State University, is hosting a two-day workshop on the agricultural benefits of the fungicide mancozeb. The Mancozeb Summit will take place on 3–4 June at Rothamsted Enterprises, in Harpenden. The event will feature expert presentations, panel discussions, breakout sessions, and field trips, with the goal of producing a consensus statement on mancozeb's role in disease management. Attendance is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending on PPA's behalf, please contact the Secretariat.



Europatat Congress 2025

This year's Europatat Congress, co-organised by Europatat and FEDEPOM, will take place in Lille, France, from 11-13 June. Under the theme 'Potatoes leaders of the future: deciding under uncertainty', the event will explore key challenges and opportunities for the potato sector. Industry professionals can network, exchange insights, and promote their businesses. More details, including the final programme and registration, will be available soon at [Europatat Congress website](#).



BNF Snack-tember

This year's British Nutrition Foundation's (BNF) 'Healthy Eating Week', which will be celebrated in September, will be titled '[Snack-tember](#)'. The aim of 'Snack-tember' is to support schools and carers by providing information on healthier and more sustainable snacks for children and young people (aged 5-16 years). This event follows on from a recent survey conducted by BNF at the end of 2024 ('The great snack survey'), which provided insight into what young people like to eat as a snack, how much they usually spend on buying snacks, and what they think of their snack options at school and in the shops.



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

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (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

Co-organised by IFST and the University of Oxford's ECI Food System Transformation Research Group, this symposium will take place on 10 July 2025 and promises thought-provoking discussions, ground-breaking research, and actionable strategies to address critical challenges in food security, nutrition, and environmental sustainability. Click [here](#) to register.



Level the Field: Neurodiversity in Farming

Farmers Weekly, in partnership with Defra and other organisations, has published a guidance document titled '[Level the Field: Neurodiversity in Farming](#)', which explores the varied ways individuals think and process information within the agricultural sector. It explains key neurodiverse conditions such as ADHD, autism, and dyslexia, highlighting how these differences can bring benefits like innovative problem-solving, attention to detail, and resilience. The guide also discusses employers' legal responsibilities and provides practical advice on creating an inclusive workplace that values the unique strengths of every team member.



Potato Europe 2025

PotatoEurope is an international event exclusively dedicated to the entire value chain of potatoes: from Farm to Fork. The next edition of PotatoEurope in the Netherlands will be held on 3-4 September, at the Wageningen University & Research (WUR), Field crops in Lelystad. For more information and to book your place, click [here](#).

PPA committee meeting dates 2025

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PPA Board

2 April 2025	11:00-15:30	RS Cockerills, York
2025 dates TBC	TBC	TBC

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 February 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.
03-Feb	RASFFs Week 5 2025	040/25
03-Feb	Publication of the French ANSES scientific opinion on ultra-processed foods	041/25
04-Feb	Update on LHF advertising restrictions	042/25
05-Feb	Defra Technical Guidance on BFR - Revised Draft for final comments	043/25
07-Feb	Agenda for next meeting Commission's Working Groups Contaminants	044/25
10-Feb	RASFFs Week 6 2025	045/25
12-Feb	Welsh draft legislation on HFSS Promotion Restrictions Regulations laid	046/24
13-Feb	FSA alert of peanut contamination of garlic powder	047/25
13-Feb	Draft minutes from the PVC meeting, 12 February 2025	048/25
13-Feb	Input on UK Regulation on Nutrition and Health Claims	049/25
17-Feb	RASFFs Week 7 2025	050/25
18-Feb	FSA 2nd alert on peanut contamination of garlic powder (ACTION as appropriate)	051/25
18-Feb	ASA/CAP Further consultation on draft implementation guidance on LHF advertising restrictions	052/25
19-Feb	Plant varieties and seed framework for precision bred plant varieties in England	053/25
20-Feb	European Commission's Vision for Agriculture and Food	054/25
20-Feb	Defra update of NIRMS guidance for Phase 3 products ('Not for EU' labelling)	055/25
24-Feb	RASFFs Week 8 2025	056/25
24-Feb	Land Use Consultation (England)	057/25
24-Feb	Consultations to England, Wales and NI Food Law Codes of Practice and Guidance	058/25
25-Feb	EFSA Annual call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data in food and feed	059/25
25-Feb	Colombian Embassy Potato Event	060/25
25-Feb	New EU Regulation (amendments) on food contact materials	061/25
25-Feb	Precision Breeding - laying of secondary legislation	062/25
27-Feb	Revised draft EU legislation on Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons (MOH)	063/24
28-Feb	Monthly digest of EU legislation (February 2025)	064/25
28-Feb	Plant protection products log – February 2025	065/25
28-Feb	PPA Monthly Newsletter - February 2025	066/25

Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
03-Feb	NSP Press Release	026/25
05-Feb	ADAS conference on Integrated Pest Management – 13 February (Peterborough)	027/25
06-Feb	CIPC Pro forma	028/25
06-Feb	Invitation to Plant Health Fees Consultation online events	029/25
07-Feb	Agenda for next meeting Commission's Working Groups Contaminants	030/25
07-Feb	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 6 February 2025	031/25

12-Feb	UPL Mancozeb event	032/25
13-Feb	NAAC minutes, 11 February 2025	033/25
13-Feb	Draft minutes of the PVC meeting, 12 February 2025	034/25
13-Feb	Pesticide residues in food: quarterly monitoring results for 2024	035/25
17-Feb	NSP minutes, 4 February 2025	036/25
19-Feb	Plant Varieties and Seeds Framework for Precision Bred Plant Varieties	037/25
20-Feb	European Commission's Vision for Agriculture and Food	038/25
24-Feb	Defra land use consultation	039/25
25-Feb	EFSA Annual call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data in food and feed	040/25
25-Feb	Colombian Embassy Potato Event	041/25
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28-Feb	Plant protection products log – February 2025	044/25
28-Feb	PPA Monthly Newsletter - February 2025	045/25

Upcoming events

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4-5 March 2025	PSI 2-day residential Store Manager's Course, Oakham, Rutland
4-8 March 2025	AAHAR Asia Food and Hospitality Show, New Delhi, India
4-13 March 2025	DBT Made in the UK Sold to the Indo-Pacific: Meet the Experts Roadshow, Various locations
5 March 2025	UKIA Spring Conference: Securing resilient water resources for agriculture, Peterborough
5-6 March 2025	Low Carbon Agriculture Show 2025, NAEC Stoneleigh
6 March 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Transport, Logistics and Customs requirements for the Food and Drink exporter, online
6 March 2025	UKRI Agrifood Innovation Showcase, Birmingham
10-14 March 2025	Welsh Food & Drink Annual Insight Programme Conference, online
11 March 2025	Rothamsted Research Transition Event: Securing a sustainable future for your farm business, Harpenden
12 March 2025	FDF Scotland/FSS Celebrating Innovation and Reformulation for Health, Edinburgh
12 March 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Selling Food & Drink to Europe, online
17-19 March 2025	IFE 2025, London
17 March 2025	IFST/Campden BRI Forum: Reformulation of Processed Food – Perceptions, Realities and Balance, IFE ExCel, London
18 March 2025	DBT event: Empowering Global Growth, IFE, ExCel, London
19 March 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Taste of Global Success webinar series recap, online
20 March 2025	Famers Weekly transition webinar: The bottom line: how to use data to improve farm productivity, online
26 March 2025	FDF Food and Drink Industry Dinner, London
26 March 2025	FDF/CMS webinar: Modern Slavery – what the food and drink industry sector needs to know, online
27 March 2025	Chatham House Global Trade 2025, London and online
27 March 2025	FDF/Green Finance Institute webinar: Introduction to Nature with the Green Finance Institute, online
27 March 2025	EFSA Technical meeting: safety of conventionally smoked food, online
27-28 March 2025	Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, Paris
31 March 2025	UK Export Academy webinar: Discover the opportunities to grow your education business in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, online
7-9 April 2025	National Convenience Show, NEC, Birmingham

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	World Retail Congress, London
21 May 2025	Potato Storage Day 2025, Holbeach, Lincs
3 June 2025	IFST Lecture: Prof Susan Jebb – Science on the menu: how innovation shapes regulation and keeps food safe, London
4 June 2025	FDEA Summer Network Forum, London
11-13 June 2025	EuroPatat Congress, Lille, France
17 June 2025	CUPGRA Field Day, Cambridge
10 July 2025	IFST/University of Oxford: Oxford Food Summit 2025, Oxford
7 August 2025	Potatoes in Practice 2025, Dundee
3-4 September 2025	Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands
6-7 October 2025	IFST Autumn Conference 2025, Nottingham
9-5 November 2025	Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany
19-20 November 2025	British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire

Industry meetings

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4 March 2025	Scottish Society for Crop Research, Potato Committee Winter Meeting, Dundee
4 March 2025	Advertising Association Food Advertising WG, online
6 March 2025	FDF Food Law & Labelling (FLL) Committee, hybrid
11 March 2025	PPA Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC), York and online
11 March 2025	EUPPA Food Law Committee, online
11 March 2025	FDF Microbiology Committee (MIC), hybrid
12 March 2025	FDF Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC), hybrid
13 March 2025	FDF Diet & Health Committee (DHC), hybrid
13 March 2025	FDF Food Contact Materials (FCM) Committee, hybrid
13 March 2025	Advertising Association Food Advertising WG, online
13 March 2025	CIPC Residues Management Group (CRMG), online
20 March 2025	FDF Food Safety Committee (FSC), hybrid
24 March 2025	PPA Food Law & Consumer (FLC) Committee, online
24 March 2025	ESA Public Affairs and Communications (PAC) WG, online
25 March 2025	FDF Organic Committee (ORG) Committee, hybrid
25 March 2025	UKIA AGM March, online
27 March 2025	NI-GB Food Supply Chain Forum (final meeting), online
27 March 2025	ESA Sustainability (SUS) WG, online
27 March 2025	NVLR (Dutch Association for Food Law), hybrid
31 March 2025	FDF Associations Advisory Group (AAG), 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 7 February 2025)
[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 27 January 2025)
[COLLECTION: REUL \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 statutory instruments](#) (last updated 25 February 2025)

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 20 February 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Commodity codes for NIRMS](#) (last updated 20 February 2025)
[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)
[Defra Guidance: Move seed potatoes from GB-NI using NI plant health labels](#) (first published 20 February 2025)
[Defra Guidance: NIRMS: how to register and seal consignments](#) (last updated 21 February 2025)
[NICTA website](#)

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 24 February 2025)
[Defra Guidance: BTOM risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from non-EU countries to GB: summary tables](#) (last updated 24 February 2025)
[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 13 February 2025)
[HMRC Notice: Notices made under the Customs \(Import Duty\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#) (last updated 6 February 2025)
[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 21 January 2025)
[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 27 February 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 13 February 2025)
[Defra/APHA Guidance: Check import risk categories, inspection rates and related rules for animals and animal products imported from non-EU countries to GB](#) (last updated 24 February 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Check plant health information and import rules](#) (last updated 23 October 2024)
[HMRC: Safety and security declarations](#) (last updated 31 January 2025)
[Defra/APHA Guidance: Animals, animal products and HRFNAO imports: authorised border control posts in the UK](#) (last updated 27 February 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 6 February 2025)

[DBT/DIT Guidance: UK trade agreements in effect](#) (last updated 7 February 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Search the register of customs agents and express operators](#) (last updated 4 February 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 21 February 2025)

[HMRC: Safety and security declarations](#) (last updated 31 January 2025)

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 27 February 2025)

[Defra/EA Guidance: Packaging data: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 17 February 2025)

[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 17 February 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Packaging data: check reporting periods and submission deadlines](#) (first published 19 February 2025).

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](#)

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

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

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

[Defra/RPA Guidance: SFI Handbook for the SFI 2023 offer](#) (last updated 3 February 2025)

[Defra/RPA/FC Guidance: Funding for farmers, growers and land managers](#) (last updated 25 February 2025)

[Defra/RPA Guidance: Delinked payments: replacing the Basic Payment Scheme](#) (last updated 17 February 2025)

[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 20 February 2025)

[DfE Guidance: School food standards practical guide](#) (last updated 13 February 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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CAP/BCAP: [Further consultation on the implementation of new rules on ads for "less healthy" food and drink products](#) (closes on 18 March 2025)

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

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

Defra: [Consultation on Plant varieties and seeds framework for precision bred plant varieties in England](#) (closes on 14 April 2025)

Defra: [Consultation on Land use in England](#) (closes on 25 April 2025)

FSA: [Consultation on proposed amendments to the Food Law Code of Practice \(the Code\) and Practice Guidance in England](#) (closes on 19 May 2025)

FSA: [Consultation on proposed amendments to the Food Law Code of Practice \(the Code\) and Practice Guidance in Wales](#) (closes on 19 May 2025)

FSA: [Consultation on proposed amendments to the Food Law Code of Practice \(the Code\) and Practice Guidance in NI](#) (closes on 19 May 2025)

Defra: [Consultation on Farm Practices Survey](#) (closes on 1 September 2025)

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