

# Newsletter – March 2025

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HM Treasury

### Spring Statement 2025

On 26 March the Chancellor Rachel Reeves delivered the Spring Statement, outlining steps taken to secure the UK's future, including fiscal rule adjustments to ensure economic stability. Key highlights included forecasts for a surplus by 2029-30, and a commitment to reducing public debt. Reeves also noted measures taken to support working people and public services, alongside maintaining the stability of national finances considering global uncertainties. Read the Chancellor's speech [here](#).



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### Food Strategy Advisory Board announced (FSAB)

On 21 March the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) announced the appointment of several food experts to join its [Food Strategy Advisory Board \(FSAB\)](#). The focus will be on improving food sustainability, health, security, and innovation within the industry, aiming to strengthen food systems and ensure that UK food standards remain competitive in the global market.



Cabinet Office

### Independent Review of the Windsor Framework

On 9 January the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland commissioned an independent review of the Windsor Framework, led by Lord Murphy. The review will assess the framework's impact on Northern Ireland's social, economic, and political life, as well as on the UK internal market. The review's findings, due by 9 July 2025, will include recommendations for improvements. [Written feedback](#) from stakeholders is invited until 31 May 2025.

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### **FSA Food and You 2 Wave 9 report**

On 26 March the Food Standards Agency (FSA) published its '[Food and You 2 - Wave 9](#)' report. The report gathers data on consumer confidence in food safety, authenticity, and supply chains. Key findings include 89% confidence in food safety and 81% confidence in the accuracy of food labels. It also explored concerns about food, food security, shopping, and genetic technologies. The survey was conducted across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, with 5,526 adult participants.



### **Lentil protein not novel**

On 14 February the FSA published an [opinion on lentil protein](#) obtained from red and/or yellow lentils (*Lens culinaris*) containing at least 85% protein on a dry basis. The opinion concludes that the product is not considered a novel food.



### **FSA guidance on allergen labelling of non-prepacked foods published**

On 5 March the FSA published new guidance on '[Allergen Information for Non-Prepacked Foods Best Practice](#)'. This best practice guidance covers how to provide allergen information for non-prepacked foods in the most effective way and manner preferred by consumers which, is in writing and supported by a conversation.

The guide covers provision of allergen information in the out-of-home sector, distance selling and pre-ordering and the provision of voluntary information (including precautionary allergen labelling [PAL] and 'free from' claims). The guide will be next reviewed in September 2026.



### **FSA and FSS consultations on changes to official controls of HRFNAO**



The FSA has launched a [consultation](#) on proposals to amend Assimilated (EU) Regulation 2019/1793, which applies a temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into England and Wales of certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain countries (High Risk Food and Feed Not of Animal Origin [HRFNAO]). Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is carrying out a [parallel consultation](#) for provisions in Scotland.

The proposed amendments involve 14 individual updates. Both the FSA and FSS consultations close on 9 April 2025.



### **FSA Board Meeting – March 2025**

The FSA Board held its latest meeting on [26 March](#). Several key updates were discussed, including new investigatory powers for food crime officers from May 2025, the new process for market authorisation of regulated products, and progress on CBD applications. The regulatory sandbox for cell-cultivated products and the new Food Standards Model, which will roll out from April 2025, were also covered. Other discussions included the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM), the use of recycled plastics in food packaging, and updates on foodborne disease monitoring.



### **NFCU to secure additional powers**

On 20 March new legislation was [laid](#) before Parliament, which will equip the FSA's National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) with specific investigatory powers under The Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE). These SIs are expected to come into force on 1 May 2025 and will grant enhanced investigatory powers to the FSA.



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### **New import restrictions on meat and dairy from Hungary, Slovenia and Austria - FMD**

Throughout March, Defra updated its restrictions on meat, dairy, live animals, certain by-products, hay and straw imports from a number of countries, following the recent foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Germany. On 7 March, restrictions were also imposed on imports from Hungary, and on 21 March, on imports from Slovakia. On 26 March, additional outbreak reported near the Austrian border with Hungary leading to further import restrictions on Austrian products. As a result, Defra updated its [import guidance](#).



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### **UK recognises regionalisation of Germany for imports from FMD-susceptible animals**

On 24 March the UK agreed to recognise the regionalisation of Germany following the FMD outbreak reported on 10 January ([OVS note 2025/23](#)).

Initially, the UK had suspended imports of several commodities from FMD-susceptible animals across all of Germany. After assessing the containment measures and assurances from German authorities, the UK has now lifted restrictions for areas outside the defined containment zone, allowing imports to resume from unaffected regions, provided conditions are met.



### **World Food Safety Day**

World Food Safety Day will take place on 7 June, and this year's theme is 'Food safety: science in action'.

The theme celebrates the science and scientists who contribute to the vital knowledge and research that informs the food safety guidance and advice used by governments, food businesses and consumers, as well as the development of Codex standards. Among the campaign's key messages are reminders that education plays a key role in helping us understand food safety, and in nurturing the next generation of scientists. More information and materials can be found [here](#).



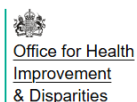
### **Amended regulation on food contact materials published**

The European Commission published a new [regulation](#) amending several key pieces of EU legislation on plastic materials and articles intended for food contact. Effective from 24 March 2025, the amendments introduce stricter purity requirements, migration limits, and labelling obligations for both virgin and recycled plastics.

Businesses will have until 16 September 2026 to ensure full compliance or risk market restrictions.

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### **UKNHCC annual report 2023-24**

On 20 March the UK Nutrition and Health Claims Committee (UKNHCC) published its [annual report](#), detailing work from 2023 and 2024. No meetings were held in 2023, but two health claim applications were assessed in 2024. The Committee reviewed claims for beta-glucan and creatine supplementation, ultimately concluding insufficient evidence for both. The UKNHCC framework was also updated for clearer evaluation processes.



### **SACN annual report 2024**

The Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) has published its [annual report for 2024](#), summarising its work over the year. This includes details of the committee's working groups, subgroups, declarations of interest, and biographies of members. The report also covers financial information, including remuneration.



### **Welsh regulation on HFSS promotion restrictions published**

On 27 March [The Food \(Promotion and Presentation\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) were published, which will restrict the promotions of foods High in Fat, Sugar and Salt (HFSS) in Wales.

The Welsh Regulations mirror the [England Regulations](#), with some minor changes. They come into force on 26 March 2026.

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### **Delay to implementation of folic acid fortification of flour**

On 20 March UK Flour Millers (UKFM) informed PPA of a potential delay to implementation of the fortification of non-wholemeal wheat flour with folic acid, as required by the newly amended Bread and Flour Regulations (BFR).

The new provisional timeline indicates that transition will start from early September 2025 with the intention that, by the end of October 2025, the vast majority of eligible flour will be fortified in line with the BFR. Please note that this timeline is provisional, pending agreement with key supply chain stakeholders.

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### **Environment Secretary outlines vision for a circular economy**

In his [speech on 27 March](#), Environment Secretary Steve Reed highlighted the UK's shift towards a circular economy. He emphasised the need for rethinking waste, reducing reliance on a throwaway culture, and implementing policies such as Producer Extended Producer Responsibility (pEPR). Reed discussed the government's efforts to reduce waste, enhance recycling, and promote sustainable practices across sectors. Further reforms are set to drive long-term environmental change, boosting the economy and public support.



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### **Simpler recycling: Household recycling in England**

Starting 31 March 2026 waste collectors in England will be required to collect specific waste streams separately, including food and garden waste, paper and card, dry recyclables (plastic, metal, and glass), and residual waste. Local authorities will provide clear guidance on what can and cannot be recycled to reduce confusion. The changes aim to streamline recycling processes and ensure that recyclable materials are managed effectively. For more information, visit the full guidance [here](#).



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### **New guidance on pEPR: Fit and proper person status**

On 18 March new [guidance](#) was published on determining the 'fit and proper person' status for businesses applying for packaging compliance or accreditation as a reprocessor/exporter under the pEPR scheme. This status assessment considers factors such as compliance history, financial and technical competence, and past offences. Maintaining this status is mandatory, with regulators having the power to reassess or withdraw approval if necessary.



### **New PackUK newsletter**

PackUK, the UK's pEPR Scheme Administrator, has launched a new newsletter, with the first issue due to be published in mid-April.

The monthly newsletter will contain the latest updates and announcements on pEPR, stories from each of the four nations, features from across the value chain and updates on the work of PackUK. To sign up, click [here](#).

### **Karen Graley appointed as Head of EPR Producer Responsibility Organisation**



Karen Graley has been appointed as the new head of the pEPR Producer Responsibility Organisation. Graley will lead the implementation of EPR schemes, designed to ensure food and drink producers take responsibility for packaging waste. The Food and Drink Federation (FDF) has issued a press release [here](#).



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### **Defra hosts March engagement forum on collection and packaging reforms**

On 11 March Defra ran an [Engagement Forum](#) to discuss ongoing collection and packaging reforms. The forum provided stakeholders with updates on policy developments and offered a platform for feedback on proposed changes. Key topics included Simpler Recycling in England, implementation of pEPR schemes and strategies to enhance recycling rates across England. Defra also published the [dates of all 2025 Engagement Forums](#).



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### **pEPR data submission and registration reminder**

Defra has issued a reminder for large organisations to [submit packaging data](#) from July to December 2024, by 1 April 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the pEPR scheme. Small organisations must also submit their data from January to December 2024 by 1 April 2025. This submission is crucial for compliance and ensures accurate reporting of packaging activities. Producers are encouraged to register and provide the necessary data promptly to avoid potential penalties. Detailed guidance on the submission process and requirements can be found on the official government website.



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### Defra decision tree on recyclability of materials

On 4 March Defra published a [decision tree diagram](#) illustrating the process for deciding the recyclability of materials under the recyclability assessment methodology (RAM), part of pEPR for packaging.



### UK 'Food and Drink Pact'

On 27 February WRAP's Courtauld Commitment was rebranded as the '[UK Food and Drink Pact](#)'. While the 2030 targets remain unchanged, the rebrand aims to strengthen the collective goal of transforming the UK's food and drink system. The initiative will continue to focus on sustainable practices and collaborative efforts to drive sector-wide change.



### Provisional agreement on food waste reduction targets

The Council and the European Parliament have reached a [provisional agreement](#) on the targeted revision of the Waste Framework Directive. Co-legislators agreed to binding food waste reduction targets to be met at national level by 31 December 2030: 10% in food processing and manufacturing; and 30% per capita in retail, restaurants, food services and households - compared to the amounts generated in 2020.

The provisional agreement will now have to be officially endorsed by the two institutions. Once formally adopted, Member States will have up to 20 months to update their national laws to follow the new rules

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### Red Tractor responds to farm assurance review

On 25 March 2025 Red Tractor's Board of Directors welcomed the Farm Assurance Review's recommendations and committed to a set of actions towards delivering the 56 detailed recommendations.

The response acknowledges the deep frustrations expressed by producers and welcomes the Review as "an opportunity to reset relationships with farmers, and to better align with all stakeholders on the role assurance will play in a rapidly changing world".

### JRC launches the 'Farming Practices Evidence Library'



The Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission recently launched the [Farming Practices Evidence Library](#), a comprehensive dataset that compiles scientific insights on the environmental and climate effects of different farming methods. Accompanied by a user-friendly dashboard, this tool provides accessible, science-based evidence for policymakers, farmers, and researchers.

The Evidence Library allows users to analyse and compare data on farming practices impacts, while also summarizing key research findings. The Library can also support stakeholders in improving, for example, water management. A recent analysis drew on the library to identify [15 farming practices that are potentially beneficial to reduce water usage](#) and improve its quality.

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### **UK Pesticides National Action Plan**

On 21 March, the UK Government published the [UK Pesticides National Action Plan](#) (NAP).

The NAP sets out the strategy for managing pesticide use and minimising risk, with the aim of promoting the sustainable use of pesticides to minimise impacts on the environment and human health, while supporting food security and managing pests and pesticide resistance effectively. It also includes a domestic target to reduce potential harm from pesticides by 10% by 2030. More information on the target can be found on the [NAP target explainer](#).

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### **CMA annual plan 2025 to 2026 published**

On 27 March the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) published its [Annual Plan for 2025 to 2026](#). The plan reflects the Government's growth mission, support for the Government Industrial Strategy, and the CMA's commitment to supporting a competitive and innovative market environment.

The plan also frames the CMA's carefully considered approach to its new powers under the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act (DMCCA), with detail around early activity in both the new digital markets and new consumer protection regimes. Although CMA mentions its previous work on misleading green claims, the new report does not mention future work in this area.

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### **Fourth meeting of the Trade Specialised Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

On 26 March Defra published the minutes of a meeting of the [EU-UK Trade Specialised Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary \(SPS\)](#) held on 21 October 2024. The meeting was convened to discuss several key topics, including the BTOM, measures on specific commodities, including seed potatoes, information sharing on animal disease outbreaks, and cooperation on animal welfare. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to ongoing collaboration in these areas.



### **EU announces countermeasures in response to US steel and aluminium tariffs**

From 12 March the USA will apply a 25% tariff on steel and aluminium, including certain derivative products, from several countries, including the EU. As a result, the Commission announced that the existing 2018 and 2020 countermeasures against the USA will lapse on 1 April, and a new package of countermeasures on US exports will be introduced.



## EU-US trade disputes: EC launches a consultation on list of products

This month the European Commission launched a public consultation on a new list of products that could be subject to potential trade policy measures (including many agri-food categories). The full list is intended to be targeted in the second wave of rebalancing tariffs and is expected to enter into force by mid-April, following consultations with Member States and stakeholders.

Colleagues at the European SNACKs Association (ESA) participated in the consultation, expressing strong concerns regarding the potential inclusion of almonds (currently listed) on the final list.

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### Company Shop Group

[Company Shop Group](#) is the UK's leading redistributor of surplus stock selling discounted products from over 800 brands, retailers, and manufacturers to its [members](#). If you can eat it, use it, or wear it, Company Shop Group can redistribute it through its network of surplus supermarkets and its award-winning social enterprise, Community Shop.

Company Shop can provide assistance on surplus issues, whether its clearance of seasonal, old packaging, de-lists and rebrands; or relabelling due to foreign label or manufacturing errors.

For more information, contact [alistair.murray@companyshop.co.uk](mailto:alistair.murray@companyshop.co.uk).



### UK Flavour Association Regulatory Day

On 8 May the UK Flavour Association will hold its [Regulatory Day](#) in London, from 9:45-16:00. The day will include presentations from several stakeholders, including the FSA and the European Flavours Association (EFFA) on a variety of topics related to the regulation of flavourings in the UK and in the EU.

Attendance is free but only a limited number of spaces is available. To sign up, contact Julie Young at [Julie secretariat@ukflavourassociation.org](mailto:secretariat@ukflavourassociation.org) before 1 May.



### CropLife Europe MRL & trade workshop

On 10-11 June CropLife Europe will be running its [MRL & Trade Workshop](#), which will explore the evolving landscape of Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) and their impact on international trade, providing a platform for comprehensive discussions with key stakeholders from across the food value chain.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



### Roots to Regenerative Agriculture – 18-20 November 2025

The Association of Applied Biologists (AAB) will run a conference on 18-20 November 2025, at The Guildhall, in York, on 'Roots to Regenerative Agriculture'.

This conference is an exciting collaboration between the AAB 'Soil and Root Biology' and 'Cropping and the Environment' specialist groups to bring together two broad yet highly interconnected topics across a three-day event. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



## FDI Ingredients for Growth report

On 26 March the FDI launched its '[Ingredients for Growth](#)' report, outlining strategies to boost the UK's food and drink manufacturing sector. Key areas of focus include unlocking investment for innovation, improving workforce skills, enhancing international trade, and achieving sustainability goals. The report also highlights the need for government support in simplifying regulations and investing in technology to increase productivity across the sector.

## PPA committee meeting dates 2025

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### PPA Board

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

### Food Law and Consumer [FLC] committee

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

Other 2025 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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## PPA circulars issued in March 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-Mar	RASFFs Week 9 2025	067/25
03-Mar	Determination of CIPC tMRL for processed products	068/25
03-Mar	Updated template - European PVC Chlorpropham (CIPC) monitoring plan for 2024-2025	069/25
04-Mar	Confirmation of attendance of online FLC meeting and DRAFT agenda, 25 March	070/25
04-Mar	Recyclability Assessment Methodology decision tree for EPR	071/25
06-Mar	Draft EUPPA position on glycoalkaloids	072/25
10-Mar	FSA update on peanut contamination of garlic powder (ACTION as appropriate)	073/25
10-Mar	Draft PPA response to CAP/BCAP further consultation on draft implementation guidance on LHF advertising restrictions	074/25
10-Mar	RASFFs Week 10 2025	075/25
11-Mar	Informal summary report of the meeting of Commission Working Group on Flavourings – 4 December	076/25
11-Mar	Smoke Flavourings: EFTA External Information Letter + updated DG SANTE schematic presentation on phase-out measures	077/25
11-Mar	EFTA Technical meeting with stakeholders on 27 March on a new scientific opinion on the safety of smoked [meat, fish, cheese and dairy] by conventional smoking processes	078/25
11-Mar	Labelling: Dutch allergen management policy notified via TRIS – FoodDrinkEurope comments approved	079/25
11-Mar	Defra 'Not for EU' Labelling Updated Guidance and Commodity Codes Webinars	080/25
12-Mar	AVA consultation on Industry Guide to Good Hygiene Practice: Vending and Dispensing	081/25

13-Mar	Ecolab presentation from the EUPPA Sustainability (processing) meeting held 12 March 2025	082/25
13-Mar	FSA and FSS consultations on changes to official controls of HRFNAO	083/25
13-Mar	Updated FDF Summary on the Windsor Framework	084/25
14-Mar	Action on Salt & Sugar report on the nutrition content of savoury snacks (Embargoed 00.01 18 March 2025)	085/25
17-Mar	Revised Final Draft ISO Standard on Plant-Based Foods	086/25
17-Mar	KIND REMINDER - Confirmation of attendance of online FLC meeting and FINAL agenda, 25 March	087/25
17-Mar	Examples GS1 QR codes – follow up from FLC meeting 14 November 2025	088/25
18-Mar	PPA response to CAP/BCAP further consultation on the implementation of new rules on ads for "less healthy" food and drink products	089/25
19-Mar	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 11 2025	090/25
19-Mar	Nutrition and Health tracker (Mar.25 update)	091/25
20-Mar	Bread and Flour Regulations – potential delay in implementation folic acid	092/25
20-Mar	Informal summary report of the EC Working Group on agricultural contaminants of 4 March 2025	093/25
21-Mar	Bread and Flour Regulations – amended draft guidance	094/25
21-Jan	UK Pesticides National Action Plan 2025	095/25
24-Mar	KIND REMINDER - FLC meeting FINAL agenda and Compliance Statement, 25 March	096/25
25-Mar	FSA update on peanut contamination of garlic powder	097/25
25-Mar	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 12 2025	098/25
26-Mar	Slides and action list from FLC meeting 25 March 2025	099/25
27-Mar	Welsh legislation HFSS promotion restrictions published	100/25
28-Mar	Standing Committee vote on CIPC	101/25
31-Mar	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 13 2025	102/25
31-Mar	Monthly digest of EU legislation (March 2025)	103/25
31-Mar	Plant protection products log – March 2025	104/25
31-Mar	PPA Monthly Newsletter - March 2025	105/25

#### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
03-Mar	Draft Agenda for PPTC meeting, 11 March 2025	046/25
03-Mar	Article on Stolbur	047/25
03-Mar	Determination of CIPC tMRL for processed products	048/25
03-Mar	Updated template - European PVC Chlorpropham (CIPC) monitoring plan for 2024-2025	049/25
05-Mar	Potato blight trial hosts in SW	050/25
06-Mar	Ring rot	051/25
06-Mar	EUPPA Position on glycoalkaoids (DRAFT)	052/25
07-Mar	National Virus Forum, 20 February – meeting notes	053/25
10-Mar	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 6 February 2025	054/25
10-Mar	Fresh Produce 'Fair Dealings' Proposals	055/25
13-Mar	Presentations from the PPTC meeting on 11 March 2025	056/25
13-Mar	Ecolab presentation from EUPPA Processing Agriculture meeting, 12 March 2025	057/25
13-Mar	Discussions with EU Commisison on CIPC tMRL	058/25
19-Mar	Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme - Nov/Dec.24 report published	059/25
21-Mar	Informal summary report of the EC Working Group on agricultural contaminants of 4 March 2025	060/25
21-Mar	UK Pesticides National Action Plan 2025	061/25
21-Mar	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 20 March 2025	062/25
21-Mar	HM Treasury response to PPA letter on Inheritance Tax	063/25

25-Mar	Emerald Research Presentation from the PPTC meeting on 11 March 2025	064/25
26-Mar	RT Response to FARM ASSURANCE REVIEW	065/25
28-Mar	Standing Committee vote on CIPC	067/25
31-Mar	Monthly digest of EU legislation (March 2025)	068/25
31-Mar	Plant protection products log – March 2025	069/25
31-Mar	PPA Monthly Newsletter - March 2025	070/25

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7-9 April 2025	<a href="#">National Convenience Show, NEC, Birmingham</a>
5-12 May 2025	National Plant Health Week 2025
22 April 2025	<a href="#">Farmers Weekly webinar: Farm smarter, not harder: Simplifying management with data, online</a>
8 May 2025	<a href="#">UK Flavour Association Regulatory Day, London</a>
13-14 May 2025	<a href="#">Food Live Matters, Manchester</a>
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>
21 May 2025	Potato Storage Day 2025, Holbeach, Lincs
3 June 2025	<a href="#">IFST Lecture: Prof Susan Jebb – Science on the menu: how innovation shapes regulation and keeps food safe, London</a>
4 June 2025	<a href="#">FDEA Summer Network Forum, London</a>
7 June 2025	<a href="#">World Food Safety Day</a>
11-13 June 2025	<a href="#">EuroPatat Congress, Lille, France</a>
17 June 2025	CUPGRA Field Day, Cambridge
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>
7 October 2025	<a href="#">IFST Autumn Conference 2025, Nottingham</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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1 April 2025	ESA European Commission Regulatory Working Group, online
1 April 2025	IFST Food Regulatory SIG Committee, online
2 April 2025	ESA Nut Processors Working Group (NPWG), online
2 April 2025	PPA Board, York
3 April 2025	European Potato Value Chain meeting, online
3 April 2025	Potato Stakeholder group, fortnightly meeting, online
4 April 2025	EUPPA Acrylamide Taskforce meeting, online
8 April 2025	Food Industry Liaison Group, online
8 April 2025	EUPPA Secretary Generals and Directors Action Group meeting, online
9 April 2025	ESA Board meeting, online
9 April 2025	FoodDrinkEurope JOINT FIA/NUTRITION/INCO meeting, online
16 April 2025	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG), hybrid
23 April 2025	EUPPA Board meeting, Brussels
30 April 2025	Business Expert (Food Standards & Labelling) Group, 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: Apply to renew a Northern Ireland plant health label \(NIPHL\) scheme authorisation](#) (first published 18 March 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)

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## **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).

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: fit and proper person](#) (first published 18 March 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).

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**FSS:** [Consultation on Regulation 2019/1793 on increased import controls of certain food and feed of non-animal origin \(Review 4\)](#) (closes on 19 May 2025)

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

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