

Newsletter – April 2025

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Joint statement on the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee

On 29 April the UK and EU held a [Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee meeting](#) in London where they reaffirmed their commitment to fully implementing the Withdrawal Agreement, with notable progress on agri-food under the Windsor Framework. They also discussed medicines, new customs arrangements for parcels and freight starting 1 May 2025, and agreed to enhance cooperation on citizens’ rights, concluding with new decisions, the 2024 annual report, and a pledge to work closely ahead of the UK-EU Summit on 19 May 2025.



Defra appoints new Chief Scientific Adviser

Professor Anjali Goswami has been appointed as the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs’ (Defra) new Chief Scientific Adviser. Starting 1 July, she will succeed Professor Gideon Henderson after his six-year tenure. Professor Goswami brings expertise in biodiversity and environmental science and will provide scientific leadership to support Defra’s work on nature recovery, climate resilience and food security.



Government sets out new approach to ensure regulation supports growth

On 31 March HM Treasury published a new strategy to reform regulation and improve regulatory performance. The plan focuses on simplifying regulations, reducing uncertainty for businesses, and encouraging regulators to take a more balanced approach to risk. It aims to make regulation more targeted, proportionate, predictable, and adaptable to innovation, supporting investment and economic growth.

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FSA turns 25

On 1 April the Food Standards Agency (FSA) turned 25 years old. To mark the occasion, FSA will be running a webinar on 14 May, titled '[Food for Thought: The Science of Food Safety: 5 years in the past, 25 years into the future](#)'. The webinar will look back at some of the major science developments of the last 25 years and speculate as to what changes may be ahead in the next quarter of a century. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session led by Dr Adam Cook (Head of Science Research at the FSA).



National enforcement priorities for England, Wales and NI

On 7 April, the FSA published the 'National Enforcement Priorities for 2025-26' in consultation with National Trading Standards (NTS) and the National Agriculture Panel (NAP) members.

Priorities have been set for [England and Wales](#), as well as for [Northern Ireland \(NI\) \(2024-25\)](#), and include animal feed, as well as food hygiene at primary production.



New FSA business website hub

The FSA has launched a new [business website hub](#), to help businesses have quick and free access to food safety resources. It includes expanded free training resources and improved guidance materials, covering critical areas like allergen management and food incident response.



FSA announces £1.4 million funding for new innovation hub

On 28 March, the FSA [announced £1.4 million in funding to establish a new innovation hub](#). The hub will consolidate the FSA's work on novel foods, genetically modified (GM) products, and the recently launched regulatory sandbox for cell-cultivated foods. It aims to enhance the FSA's scientific capacity for risk-assessment and provide clearer regulatory guidance to businesses seeking market authorisation in Great Britain (GB). The initiative aligns with the Regulatory Innovation Office's broader efforts to support innovation through responsive regulation.



Novel foods safety assessments



The FSA and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) have recently published [nine novel food safety assessments](#), including GM cotton for food and feed uses (COT102), GM stacked soybean for food and feed uses (MON 87705 x MON 87708 x MON 89788), GM stacked maize (MON 89034 x 1507 x MIR162 x NK603 x DAS-40278-9) and Krill Protein Hydrolysate as an alternative source of protein (RP1290).



GB Regulation on regulated products authorisations come into force

[The Food and Feed \(Regulated Products\) \(Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) came into effect on 1 April 2025. The Regulations establish [new official registers](#) as the main reference for regulated product authorisations in GB, which include food and feed additives, flavourings and smoke flavourings, Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), Novel Food and Radiological Contaminants. [Updated guidance](#) has also been issued to support implementation of the changes. Members can subscribe to the FSA's new market authorisations newsletter through [this link](#).



COT position paper on BPA

On 26 March, the Committee on Toxicity (COT) published a position paper on bisphenol A (BPA), assessing its use in food contact materials. The paper highlights differing evaluations from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), noting uncertainties in BPA's health impacts. COT calls for ongoing research and monitoring to guide future risk assessments and regulations.



New EU Regulation on Steviol glycosides from fermentation

On 2 April, the European Commission (EC) [adopted Regulation \(EU\) 2025/652](#), amending Regulation 1333/2008 on food additives and Regulation 231/2012 on food additive specifications. The update allows the use of 'Steviol glycosides from fermentation' (E960b), a sweetener produced through fermentation using the yeast strain *Yarrowia lipolytica*. The regulation came into force on 23 April. In Great Britain (GB), E960b has already been authorised.



Global Agrifood Biotechnologies Conference

As part of its 80th Anniversary celebrations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is organizing a Global Agrifood Biotechnologies Conference titled "Biotechnologies for a Sustainable Future: Driving Agrifood Systems Transformation" from 16 to 18 June 2025 at its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

For more information, please click [here](#).

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UK research network to unlock gut, immune, and brain health links

On 24 April UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) announced a new research network to explore the [links between gut, immune, and brain health](#). The network will focus on how gut microbes influence the immune system and brain function, with the goal of improving health outcomes and informing the development of treatments for conditions like mental health disorders and neurodegenerative diseases. This project will bring together experts from across the UK.



Nesta report on UPF vs. HFSS

On 11 April the charity 'Nesta' published a report examining whether [ultra-processed foods \(UPFs\) could be regulated under the UK's existing the policy framework for HFSS \(High in Fat, Sugar or Salt\) food and drink](#). The report found that 64% of UPF calories are from HFSS products, rising to nearly 80% when staple foods like bread and yoghurt are excluded. It concludes that, based on current evidence, the current HFSS system is sufficient for targeting unhealthy foods, as it is based on nutrition composition, and that policymakers should push ahead with effective regulation based on the HFSS approach. The report also calls for more robust evidence on UPFs.



Ministerial announcement on restrictions on brand advertising

On 7 April a written [Ministerial Statement](#) was published on the application of the upcoming advertising restrictions for Less Healthy Foods (LHF) to brand advertising. It re-confirms the UK Government's position that "pure brand advertising" is out of scope.



Food Foundation report on corporate lobbying in food policy

On 3 April the Food Foundation published a report titled '[Corporate Lobbying: The Dark Side of the Plate](#)', examining how corporate lobbying may be influencing UK food policy and contributing to poor dietary health outcomes. The report highlights concern over conflicts of interest and a lack of transparency, while acknowledging that lobbying can support democratic policymaking if properly managed. It calls for clearer governance to ensure public health remains central to food policy decisions.

SACN rapid review on processed foods and health



On 2 April the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) published a [rapid evidence update on Processed Foods and Health](#) (see also [summarised version](#)). Whilst the updated rapid evidence is in line with the [2023 position statement](#), it contains several recommendations for the government for further action, including government support for industry shared data on food processing and the use of certain additives such as emulsifiers and sweeteners, and consumption monitoring through the [National Diet and Nutrition Survey](#) (NDNS).



Changes in children's BMI 2023-2024

On 1 April the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID) published a new report examining how individual [children's Body Mass Indexes \(BMI\) have changed](#) between their measurements in reception (ages 4 to 5) in the academic year 2017-2018, and their measurements in year 6 (ages 10 to 11) in 2023-2024.

The report found that more children moved from a healthy weight to a higher BMI category (17.6%) than moved the other way (3.3%). The report highlights variations in outcomes by gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic status. Compared to a pre-pandemic cohort, a higher proportion of children moved to a higher BMI category.



BRC revision of HFSS promotions category guidance

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) has updated its [online guidance](#) on products in and out of scope of the England Regulations on promotion restrictions of HFSS products. The document now also applies to the Welsh Regulations.

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Defra publishes new guidance on BFR

On 23 April Defra published its labelling and composition [guidance](#) on the newly amended Bread and Flour Regulations (BFR) on gov.uk.



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Welsh food and drink products awarded protected status

On 7 April the UK Government announced that several Welsh food and drink products have been granted Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status under the [UK Geographical Indication \(GI\)](#) schemes. The products include Dovey Native Botanical Gin, Pembrokeshire Rock Oysters, Pembrokeshire Native Oysters, and Welsh Heather Honey (Mel Grug Cymru). These additions bring the total number of UK-origin products with protected status to 110.

Environment and sustainability

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CAP advice on emissions claims

On 24 April the Committee on Advertising Practice (CAP) published [advice on environmental claims based on emission reductions](#). It highlights two recent rulings on the topic and reiterates the need to consider total environmental impact.



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International environmental protection report: April 2022 to March 2024

On 29 April Defra published its first [International Environmental Protection Report](#), covering developments from April 2022 to March 2024. The report outlines the UK's engagement in global environmental initiatives, including biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, and sustainable agriculture. It also discusses progress towards the 13 legally binding environmental targets set under the Environment Act 2021, with a revised Environmental Improvement Plan expected later this year.



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Updated Recycling Assessment Methodology Guidance

On 28 April, Defra, together with the Environment Agency (EA) and Natural Resource Wales, published revised [guidance on Recycling Assessment Methodology \(RAM\)](#) for the application of Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging (pEPR). See [PackUK news story](#) for more information.

The next [Defra circular economy stakeholder forum](#) will take place on 6 May 2025, from 14:30-16:00, at which the new methodology will be discussed.



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Environmental regulation reforms to boost growth and protect nature

On 2 April the UK Government announced [reforms to modernise environmental regulations](#), aiming to stimulate economic growth while protecting nature.

Key measures include appointing a single lead regulator for major infrastructure projects, updating Environmental Permitting Regulations, and creating a unified digital planning portal to simplify approvals and enhance compliance. These changes come under the government's [Plan for Change](#) and are designed to streamline processes and integrate nature recovery into growth plans.



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April Joint Stakeholder Engagement Forum on Collection and Packaging Reforms

The [Joint Stakeholder Engagement Forum on 1 April](#) focused on updates to the rollout of packaging reforms, including pEPR, Simpler Recycling and Digitak Waste Tracking. Stakeholders received information on timelines, data requirements, and communications plans. Defra also outlined its approach to future engagement and responded to industry questions.



EU confirms delay to due diligence and sustainability reporting directives

In early April, the European Parliament (EP) approved the postponement of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). Implementation of the CS3D will be delayed by one year and the CSRD by two years. Attention will now turn to negotiations on the substantive content of both directives.



EU Deforestation Regulation: New guidance and public feedback

In April, the EC published several key documents related to the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). It includes the [fourth iteration of FAQs](#), an updated [Commission Guidance document](#) as well as a [Draft Delegated Act](#) amending Annex I of the EUDR, available online for a four-week public feedback period. Please see the [press release](#) for more details.

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New leaflet for virus management

The Scottish Aphid Borne Virus Working Group (SABVWG) has released a new version of the six-step guide to the management of virus.

This first release is a shortened version in the form of a leaflet. After discussions at the National Virus Forum the group has now incorporated the information from the four-step guide to virus management in ware potatoes, into the main guide to create one document.

The extended version will be released soon. PPA members can access the new leaflet at <https://www.gb-potatoes.co.uk/resources/>



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Government announces over £45 million for farm innovation and food security

On 14 April Defra announced more than £45 million in new grants to support agricultural innovation and strengthen food security. This includes the launch of the [ADOPT \(Accelerating Development of Practices and Technologies\)](#) competition from 28 April, offering up to £20.6 million in 2025/26 for farmers trialling new technologies on-farm. A £2,500 support grant and advice hub are also available.

From 5 May 2025 two additional Farming Innovation Programme competitions will open, each worth £12.5 million, focusing on reducing on-farm emissions and developing precision-bred crops.



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

Government launches consultation on carbon and nature markets

On 17 April the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) launched a 12-week consultation on [developing high-integrity voluntary carbon and nature markets](#). The aim is to support farmers in accessing new income streams through environmental improvement projects, such as carbon sequestration and habitat restoration.

The consultation seeks feedback on how to ensure fair rewards for farmers, promote investor confidence, and establish clear market standards. Views are especially welcomed on the support farmers need to participate effectively in these markets.



Consultation on Environmental Agency charges

On 16 April the EA opened a [consultation on its charges](#) in relation to The Environment Agency (Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing) (England) Charging Scheme 2022 and The Waste (Miscellaneous) (England) Charging Scheme 2018. The consultation closes on 28 May 2025.



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Upcoming event on agricultural scope 3 emissions – 6 May



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Energy Security
& Net Zero

3Keel will be hosting an in-person event, on behalf of Defra and DESNZ, on its recent report [Addressing agricultural scope 3 emissions: Best-practice principles for Within Value Chain Mitigation](#) (WVCM) on 6 May, from 14:00-16:00. The event will take place at Broadway House, Tothill St, London SW1H 9NQ, and will be an opportunity to learn about developments, best practice and next steps for WVCM. To register your interest, contact [Emily Scott at 3Keel](#).



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Baroness Minette Batters to lead farm profitability review

On 7 April Defra announced the appointment of former National Farmers' Union (NFU) President and farmer Baroness Minette Batters to lead a review into [farm profitability](#).

The review will involve direct engagement with farmers and growers across all sectors and land types, and with relevant government departments.

Baroness Batters will provide recommendations to improve profitability in the short, medium and long term, as part of the government's New Deal for Farmers. The review will be supported by Defra's new Profitability Unit.



BSI tools on nature restoration

The British Standards Institution (BSI) has developed a [free navigation tool](#) to help farmers and other suppliers understand which aspects of the nature-based carbon standard, which has been recently [consulted on](#), might apply to nature restoration on their land. Market-specific standards for biodiversity, carbon, nutrients, and community engagement are still under development.



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Defra and Welsh Government consult on environmental permitting exemptions reform



On 8 April Defra and the Welsh Government launched an eight-week [consultation on proposed changes to the Environmental Permitting](#) (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

The reforms aim to improve how exemptions from environmental permits are managed across areas such as flood risk, waste operations and water discharges, with additional proposals in England for waste control and transport. The consultation closes on 3 June 2025.

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HSE publishes report on the monitoring and control of PPPs

On 24 April the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) published the '[2022 UK PPP monitoring and control reports \(Article 68\)](#)' on Plant Protection Products (PPPs), describing the official controls carried out in 2022 by HSE, and by other enforcing authorities, in line with legal obligations under Article 68 of the placing of plant protection products on the market Assimilated Regulation 1107/2009 & Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.



HSE extends glyphosate approval in GB pending renewal assessment

On 3 April the HSE announced an [extension of glyphosate's approval in GB](#) until 15 December 2026. This extension allows time to complete a comprehensive renewal assessment under assimilated GB regulations. The Glyphosate Renewal Group has submitted an admissible application, and HSE is currently evaluating whether glyphosate continues to meet the necessary approval criteria. A public consultation will be held on the draft conclusions before a final decision is made. In NI, glyphosate remains approved under EU regulations.



'Just One Test'

Just One Test is all the [CIPC \(Chlorpropham\) Residue Monitoring Group \(CRMG\)](#) needs from each potato store previously treated at any time with CIPC. If you have such stores, where crops are held for at least two months in the 2024/25 season, please provide data from your regular multi-residue testing to allow this to be used as part of the CRMG submission to be submitted in August 2025. 125 samples are required for the next data call. Please complete this [simple data form](#) and send it with a copy of your lab result sheet to adrian@potatostorageinsight.com or post to: CRMG, Potato Storage Insight, 45 Main St, Gedney Dyke, Spalding, Lincs. PE12 0AJ.



EU Regulation extending the approval periods for a number of active substances

On 25 April the EC published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/787](#). The new Regulation amends Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 by extending the approval periods for the active substances 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, amidosulfuron, bentazone, bixafen, clomazone, fenoxaprop-P, fludioxonil, fluoxastrobin, flutolanil, fluxapyroxad, gibberellic acid, gibberellins, halauxifen-methyl, mecoprop-P, paraffin oil, penthiopyrad, pirimiphos-methyl, propamocarb, propyzamide, prothioconazole, rimsulfuron, sedaxane and sulfoxaflor.

These are technical extensions due to delays within the EC and the EFSA review process.

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Food Statistics Pocketbook

On 9 April Defra released the latest '[Food Statistics in Your Pocket](#)' report, offering an overview of the UK's food system. The new update highlights that the UK agri-food sector contributed £146.7bn to the economy in 2022 and employed 4.2 million people. Food and non-alcoholic beverage prices rose 3.3% in the year to February 2025.



Updated CMA guidance published on consumer protection law for businesses

On 7 April, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) published new [guidance to help businesses comply with the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024](#). The guidance covers key areas such as unfair commercial practices, fake reviews and transparent consumer contracts, and outlines how the CMA will enforce the new regime. The new legislation enhances the CMA's enforcement powers.

The [summary of responses](#) to the consultation on the guidance was published on 4 April.

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Defra updates guidance on packing and loading plant products

On 28 April Defra amended its [import guidance on packing and loading plant products into the UK](#). The guidance contains best practice information on labelling and loading, with useful examples and images.



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Defra updates guidance on animal product imports

On 22 April Defra amended its [guidance on importing animal products](#) into GB, including the [guidance on composite products](#). The guidance now covers the rules for importing products of animal origin for human consumption from anywhere in the world (not just from the EU).



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US Trade Tariffs Research Briefing

On 17 April the House of Commons published a Research Briefing on the recently imposed [US trade tariffs](#). The document provides an overview of the tariffs' implications for UK trade and outlines the government's response.



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Ban on personal meat and dairy imports extended to prevent FMD risk

From 12 April the Government [extended its ban on personal imports of meat and dairy products](#) from EU countries into GB to reduce the risk of foot and mouth disease (FMD). The move follows an increase in cases across Europe and aims to protect UK livestock, farmers, and food security.

The new rules apply to meat and dairy from cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs, but do not affect imports from NI, Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man.



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Business and Trade Committee report on UK-EU trade relations

On 25 April the House of Commons Business and Trade Committee published its [report on UK-EU trade relations](#). The report examines the current state of trade between the UK and EU, highlighting challenges and opportunities in the post-Brexit landscape. It provides recommendations aimed at enhancing trade cooperation and addressing barriers to smooth commerce.



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Risk of FMD virus spread from Hungary and Slovakia

On 3 April the UK Government published a risk assessment regarding the spread of FMD from Hungary and Slovakia to GB. The assessment confirms that FMD outbreaks have been reported in both countries and outlines the risk of the virus entering GB as moderate. To mitigate this risk, restrictions have been placed on the import of certain animal products from these countries. The report emphasises the importance of biosecurity measures to protect British livestock.



Department for
Business & Trade

Consultation on retaliatory tariffs on goods from the USA

On 2 April the [USA announced](#) new global tariffs, that would impose an additional 10% tariff on top of existing USA duties, fees and taxes, on all UK imports, including agri-foods. These came into effect on 5 April.

On 3 April the Department for Business & Trade (DBT) issued a [consultation on the introduction of retaliatory fees on US goods](#). To assist businesses in considering the impact of UK tariffs, the UK Government published a supporting [indicative long list of US products](#), from which the government is most likely to draw in developing any future tariffs. The consultation closes on 1 May.



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Updated NIRMS Food Labelling guidance

On 28 March, Defra updated 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).

Amongst other changes, the updated guidance now confirms that that High Risk Foods Not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO) need individual product labels in phase 3 if they are controlled under [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793](#).

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Potato Storage Day 2025

The second Potato Storage Day will take place on 21 May, from 9:30-13:30, at Fleet Lodge Farm, in Holbeach, Lincs, supported by Potato Storage Insight (PSI), in partnership with SDF Agriculture. The event will start with a networking session and coffee with around 15 commercial stands expected for you to visit, followed by a series of presentations.



This is a free event, with a light lunch provided for all attendees. To book your place, email Adrian Cunningham at admin@potatostorageinsight.com.



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.



New FDF website

On 9 April the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) launched its [new website](#). The updates make navigating through committees and resources easier than ever before. The next area of focus for improvements are the committee pages.



FDF report on UK Food and Drink Manufacturing

On 9 April the FDF published its latest '[Powering Communities: UK Food and Drink Manufacturing Regional Report 2025](#)', highlighting the sector's economic contribution across the UK. The report shows that food and drink manufacturing remains the largest manufacturing sector, with strong export performance and job creation. It also emphasises the importance of regional investment and skills development to support growth and resilience in the industry.



UKIA publishes guide to setting up water abstractor groups

The UK Irrigation Association (UKIA) has published a new booklet to support farmers and growers interested in setting up [water abstractor groups](#). The guide outlines the benefits of collective water management, key steps to forming a group, and advice on engaging with regulators and water companies.



UKIA publishes guide on rainwater harvesting for irrigation

UKIA has also published a new guide titled '[Thinking about rainwater harvesting?](#)', offering practical advice on collecting and using rainwater for irrigation. The guide covers system design, storage options, regulatory considerations, and cost-benefit analysis, aiming to help farmers and growers enhance water resilience and reduce reliance on mains or abstracted water sources.



GS1 webinars on next generation of barcodes

GS1 will be running a series of webinars from May to July on the transition from classic barcodes to GS1 QR codes. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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Other 2025 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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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 April 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.
31-Mar	PPA Monthly Newsletter - March 2025	105/25
31-Mar	Agenda for next meeting Commission's Working Group Contaminants	106/25
31-Mar	Defra 'Not for EU' Labelling Updated Guidance – confirmation on HRFNAO	107/25
01-Apr	Nutriscore: Implementation of the updated Nutri-Score algorithm: transition period and multi-languages packs	108/25

02-Apr	SACN's rapid evidence update on processed foods and health	109/25
03-Apr	CCCF18 Discussion Paper for the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods	110/25
03-Apr	Draft EUPPA position on glycoalkaloids (version 3)	111/25
04-Apr	CENT/TC 275/WG 13 proposals	112/25
04-Apr	Invitation to join Company Shop Group	113/25
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08-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 14 2025	116/25
08-Apr	EUPPA position paper on Acrylamide	117/25
11-Apr	EUPPA position paper on glycoalkaloids	118/25
11-Apr	European Parliament CIPC tMRL Regulation	119/25
11-Apr	Notes from Commission's Working Group on POPs, 18 March 2025	120/25
11-Apr	Targeted stakeholder consultation on maximum levels for the sum of 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD esters and of glycidyl esters	121/25
13-Apr	3x Targeted stakeholder consultations - methods of analysis, MLs for furan and NDL-PCBs	122/25
14-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 15 2025	123/25
14-Apr	Draft PPA response to the Defra Land Use Consultation (England)	124/25
14-Apr	Minutes from the European Potato Value Chain (PVC) meeting, held on 3 April 2025	125/25
17-Apr	Notes from Commission's Working Group on Environmental Contaminants, 18 February 2025	126/25
22-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 16 2025	127/25
23-Apr	Bread and Flour Regulations – guidance published	128/25
25-Apr	Regulation extending the EU approval periods for a number of active substances	129/25
25-Apr	Updated BRC guidance on products in and out of scope of HFSS promotion restrictions in England and Wales (Mar.25)	130/25
29-Apr	Draft FDE comments on 3-MCPD targeted consultation	131/25
29-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 17 2025	132/25
30-Apr	Monthly digest of EU legislation (April 2025)	133/25
30-Apr	Plant protection products log – April 2025	134/25
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31-Mar	Agenda for the next Commission Working Group meeting on Environmental Contaminants	071/25
01-Apr	Glyphosate: GB renewal assessment and approval period extension	072/25
03-Apr	CCCF18 Discussion Paper for the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods	073/25
03-Apr	EUPPA Position on glycoalkaloids (3rd DRAFT)	074/25
04-Apr	CEN/TC 275/ WG 13 Scoping paper	075/25
04-Apr	Joint industry (European Potato Value Chain [PVC]) letter on flutolanil re-authorization	076/25
04-Apr	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 3 April 2025	077/25
08-Apr	EUPPA Position on acrylamide	078/25
09-Apr	Doodle poll for WFF meeting	079/25
11-Apr	EUPPA Position on glycoalkaloids	080/25
11-Apr	APHA Grower Letter Pre-Season	081/25
11-Apr	European Parliament CIPC tMRL Regulation	082/25
14-Apr	Draft PPA response to Land Use Consultation	083/25
14-Apr	PRiF Quarter 3 2024 Report and January & February 2025 Rolling Reporting	084/25
14-Apr	Minutes from the European Potato Value Chain (PVC) meeting, held on 3 April 2025 -	085/25

16-Apr	Water: Environment Agency charge proposal - cost of service consultation	086/25
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6 May 2025	Defra Circular Economy stakeholder forum, online
8 May 2025	UK Flavour Association Regulatory Day, London
5-12 May 2025	National Plant Health Week 2025
12-14 May 2025	World Retail Congress, London
12-18 May 2025	Salt Awareness Week
13 May 2025	GS1 webinar: Revolutionising consumer engagement with QR codes powered by GS1, online
13-14 May 2025	Food Live Matters, Manchester
14 May 2025	FSA webinar: Food for Thought: The Science of Food Safety: 5 years in the past, 25 years into the future, online'
16 May 2025	FDF State of Industry: Insights webinar, online
18 May 2025	FDF/Risilience: Nature Risk Workshop, London
20 May 2025	FSA's Future of Food Regulation Event ,Birmingham
21 May 2025	Potato Storage Day 2025, Holbeach, Lincs
22 May 2025	GS1 webinar: Supporting DPP and sustainability with QR codes powered by GS1, online
26-30 May 2025	UN Nutrition: Rome Nutrition Week, Rome
27 May 2025	EUPPA, ESA and Europatat joint event on the 'International Day of Potato', Brussels, Belgium
29 May 2025	FDF/Ecosurety webinar: Recyclability Assessment Methodology (RAM) update, online
3 June 2025	IFST Lecture: Prof Susan Jebb – Science on the menu: how innovation shapes regulation and keeps food safe, London
3 June 2025	Making accessibility a reality with QR codes powered by GS1, online
4 June 2025	FDEA Summer Network Forum, London
7 June 2025	World Food Safety Day
11-13 June 2025	EuroPatat Congress, Lille, France
17 June 2025	CUPGRA Field Day 1, Cambridge
24 June 2025	GS1 webinar: Powering the future of traceability with QR codes powered by GS1, online
10 July 2025	IFST/University of Oxford: Oxford Food Summit 2025, Oxford
15 July 2025	GS1 webinar: Combating food waste with QR codes powered by GS1, online
5 August 2025	CUPGRA Field Day 2, Cambridge
7 August 2025	Potatoes in Practice 2025, Dundee
3-4 September 2025	Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands
1 October 2025	IGD conference: The Future of the UK Food System, London
7 October 2025	IFST Autumn Conference 2025, Nottingham
9-5 November 2025	Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany

19-20 November 2025 [British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire](#)
9 December 2025 CUPGRA Conference, Cambridge

Industry meetings

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1 May 2025	Potato Stakeholder group, fortnightly meeting, online
6 May 2025	FoodDrinkEurope COTAM meeting, Brussels
8 May 2025	FDF Food Safety Committee (FSC) interim call, online
9 May 2025	FoodDrinkEurope FCMAT meeting, online
10 May 2025	ESA Glycoalkaloids Taskforce, online
13 May 2025	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) meeting, hybrid
14 May 2025	FSA Extended Food Industry Liaison Group, online
15 May 2025	Potato Stakeholder group, fortnightly meeting, online
15 May 2025	FDF Food Ingredients Group (FIG) meeting, hybrid
20 May 2025	FDF International Trade Committee (ITC) meeting, online
20 May 2025	FDF EPR Advocacy Group, hybrid
22 May 2025	ESA Sustainability Committee meeting, online
22 May 2025	FDF Nutrition Committee (NUT), hybrid
27 May 2025	ESA EC Regulatory meeting, Brussels
29 May 2025	Potato Stakeholder group, fortnightly meeting, online

Documents to note

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Government position/policy papers/guidance and related resources

EU exit

[Check if you need to declare goods you bring into or take out of the UK](#)

[DBT Research and analysis: Retained EU law and assimilated law dashboard](#) (last updated 23 January 2025)

[COLLECTION: Customs, VAT and excise UK transition legislation from 1 January 2021](#) (last updated 2 April 2025)

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

[Cabinet Office Guidance: Brexit transition helplines](#) (last updated 31 March 2025)

[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 29 April 2025)

[COLLECTION: REUL \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 statutory instruments](#) (last updated 22 April 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 28 March 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Commodity codes for NIRMS](#) (last updated 20 March 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to NI](#) (last updated 25 March 2025)

[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 to GB](#) (last updated 22 April 2025)
[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 \(EU and non-EU plant and plant products\)](#) (last updated 24 April 2025)
[Defra/APHA Guidance: Check risk categories for animal and animal product imported from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 26 March 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 1 April 2025)
[Defra/APHA: EU imports to England and Wales April 2024](#) (last updated 25 February 2025)
[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 2 April 2025)
[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 24 April 2025)
[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 29 April 2025)
[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 13 March 2024)
[Defra: Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 24 April 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 1 April 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 28 March 2025)

Exports

[APHA Find an Export Health Certificate website](#)
[HMRC Notice: Notices made under the Customs \(Export\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (last updated 13 March 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 9 April 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 25 April 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 28 March 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: generate a packaging data file](#) (last updated 18 March 2025)
[Defra/EA Guidance: Packaging data: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 3 April 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Organisation details: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility \(EPR\) for packaging](#) (last updated 18 March 2025)
[Defra/EA Guidance: Extended Producer Responsibility: who is affected and what to do](#) (last updated 3 April 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging: how to assess household and non-household packaging](#) (last updated 25 April 2025)
[Defra Guidance: Find large producers on the 'report packaging data' service](#) (first published 15 April 2025)

[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 4 April 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Recyclability assessment methodology: how to assess your packaging waste](#) (last updated 28 April 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Packaging data: check reporting periods and submission deadlines](#) (last updated 3 April 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 31 March 2025)

[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 15 April 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 9 April 2025)

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

[EA Research and analysis: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 24 April 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 13 March 2025).

Current consultations

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DBT: [Consultation on potential UK tariff measures in response to US tariffs](#) (closes on 1 May 2025)

FSA: [Consultation on amendments to assimilated Regulation 2019/1793: Changes to Official Controls and Emergency Measures Applied to Imported High Risk Food and Feed not of Animal Origin](#) (closes on 19 May 2025)

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)

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)

EA: [Environment Agency charge proposal - cost of service consultation](#) (closes on 28 May 2025)

Cabinet Office: [Independent Review of the Windsor Framework - Written evidence submission](#) (closes on 31 May 2025)

HMRC/HMT: [Strengthening the Soft Drinks Industry Levy consultation](#) (closes: 21 July 2025)

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

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