

## Newsletter – June 2025

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## Government

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### **New UK Industrial Strategy unveiled**

On 23 June, the UK Government released its '[Modern Industrial Strategy](#)', a 10-year plan aimed at boosting business investment in eight priority sectors, including advanced manufacturing (which includes agri-tech, with further recognition of precision breeding), clean energy, life sciences, digital & technology, by cutting red tape and lowering energy costs for industry.

To help drive Agri-Tech Sector growth, the Government will continue to invest in the Farming Innovation Programme, allocating at least £200m up to 2030. [Sector-specific plans](#) have also been published.



### **The Institute for Grocery Distribution(IGD) update on Defra food strategy**

IGD, in its role as Co-Secretariat, has published an [update](#) on the Defra Food Strategy. The update highlights extensive stakeholder engagement including presentations at various forums. The update states that Defra is now analysing outputs from this engagement, as the Government moves towards a summer announcement of what will be an ongoing programme of change.



### **2025 Government Spending Review**

On 11 June, the Chancellor published the UK Government's multi-year [Spending Review](#). The review secures funding for research and development investment via UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), £1.2bn per year for skills training, and over £3bn for advanced manufacturing from 2026–27. In terms of total departmental spending, Defra will see a 2.3% cut in the period 2025-26 to 2028-29, while the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) receives a 3.0% increase and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) a 2.7% rise.

# Food safety

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## Cases of salmonella and campylobacter highest in a decade

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has reported that salmonella and campylobacter cases have reached their highest levels in the past ten years, with thousands of infections recorded. The increase is being investigated, and UKHSA advises the public to follow food hygiene guidance, such as thoroughly cooking food and chilling foods to below 5°C, referring to 'use-by' dates and washing hands and surfaces, to prevent foodborne illness.



## FSA 'Our Food 2024' report



On 19 June, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) launched their '[Our Food 2024](#)' report which reviews food safety and standards across the UK for 2024. It reports that, overall, food safety and authenticity standards were stable in 2024, but that the food system remains under considerable pressure by issues such as local authority resourcing, new border controls, food insecurity and healthiness of food.



## FSA Board meeting June 2025

The FSA held its latest Board meeting on 17 June in Birmingham. Topics included National Level Regulation, the Market Authorisations Reform, the Annual Report on Incidents, Resilience and Prevention 2024-25 and an update of the FSA Strategy. The [meeting papers](#) and a [recording](#) of the meeting are now available on the FSA website. The next FSA Board meeting will take place on 17 September in Belfast.



## FSS Board meeting June 2025

FSS also held its [latest Board meeting](#) on 18 June in Aberdeen. The agenda included discussions on the Scottish 'SAFER' programme, which looks to reform and modernise food law delivery in Scotland, a [review on public health nutrition recommendations](#) since the FSS's establishment in 2016, and the FSS Strategy 2026-31.



Government Chemist

## Government Chemist Food and Feed Legislation updates

On 10 June, the Government Chemist published two quarterly reports summarising updates to UK legislation in food and feed law, from [1 October – 31 December 2024](#), and from [1 January – 31 March 2025](#). The updates include UK and EU legislation, and other technical publications, such as FAQs, which might be of interest.



## FSA Scientific Advisory Committees welcomes 26 new members

On 5 June, the FSA [announced](#) the appointment of 26 new independent experts to its Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs). These appointments aim to strengthen the FSA's science and evidence base, ensuring that policy decisions are informed by the most up-to-date scientific knowledge.



## New FAO report on the impact of food additives on the gut microbiome and health

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has published a [literature review](#) to assess how certain food additives may affect the gut microbiome and, in turn, human health. The review concludes that improvements in research are needed to better understand how the gut microbiome influences host outcomes following consumption of food additives.

# Health and wellbeing

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## UK Government 10-Year Health Plan announced

On 29 June, the UK Government announced plans to launch its new [10-Year Health Plan](#), which aims to reform public health by focussing on prevention rather than treatment.

The 10-Year Plan will set out policies to tackle obesity, including mandatory reporting of healthier food sales for all large businesses, including manufacturers, retailers and out-of-home, to be implemented by the end of the Parliamentary term, and longer-term plans for mandatory targets for industry, initially for large retailers, to be implemented at the next Parliamentary term.



## Scottish Government Population Health Framework 2025-2035 published

The Scottish Government (SG) has published its [Population Health Framework](#), setting out the SG's and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (COSLA) long-term collective approach to improving Scotland's health and reducing health inequalities for the next decade.

The SG's aim is two-fold: to improve Scottish life expectancy whilst reducing the life expectancy gap between the most deprived 20% of local areas and the national average by 2035. Priorities for the 2025-27 period include 'improving healthy weight' and actions under this pillar include legislation to improve the food retail environment, actions by businesses to reformulate food, and others.



## SG response to consultation on HFSS promotion restrictions published

The SG has also published its [response](#) to its 2024 consultation on the proposed regulations to restrict the promotion of food and drink High in Fat, Sugar or Salt (HFSS) where they are sold to the public, including retail and out of home settings in Scotland, as well as the [summary of the responses](#) received.

The SG's proposed approach is for alignment with the promotion restrictions already in force and future policies to apply in England and Wales, both in terms of volume price and placement restrictions, in store and online. The SG intends to lay the Regulations in the Autumn 2025, with a 12-month implementation period to allow the industry to make the necessary changes.



## ASA update on LHF guidance

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has published an [update](#) on the Committee on Advertising Practice's (CAP) ongoing work to develop guidance on advertising 'Less Healthy Foods' (LHF). The update outlines the background to CAP's work and recent developments, confirming that CAP has been asked to pause its work on the ['further consultation'](#) from February 2025.



## SACN statement on expressing energy, fat and carbohydrate intakes and recommendations

On 12 June, the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) published a position statement clarifying how energy, total and saturated fat, and carbohydrate (including free sugar) intakes should be expressed. The main change is a recommendation for the monitoring of intakes of fat and carbohydrates as a percentage of energy excluding ethanol as part of the National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS).



Office for Health  
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& Disparities

## NDNS Y12-15 published

On 11 June, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) published the [UK NDNS for years 12-15 \(2019-2023\)](#). The report assesses the diet, nutrient intake and nutritional status of the general population of the UK. The survey data is used by UK governments to monitor progress towards achieving diet and nutrition objectives and to develop food and nutrition policies (associated data tables can be found [here](#)). From 2019 the dietary assessment method used in the survey was changed from a paper diary to Intake24, an online tool.



## Out of Home digital food promotions research in Scotland

On 12 June, FSS published research on [digital promotions in Scotland's out-of-home market](#), based on 106 online orders. It found that 74% included promotional offers, with an average of six promotions per order, most commonly price promotions and upselling. The study found that such marketing boosts order size more than purchase frequency, highlighting its influence on over-ordering. The research aims to improve understanding of the role digital promotions play in shaping food choices.



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## OHID Changes in food and drink purchasing behaviour and impact on diet and nutrition 2021-2023

The OHID has published a report titled '[OHID Changes in food and drink purchasing behaviour and impact on diet and nutrition: 2021-2023](#)' highlighting how food and drink purchasing changed between 2021 and 2023 and the impact this had on diet and nutrition (see also associated [data tables](#)). The findings indicate that participants failed to achieve the recommended dietary targets during the period assessed, with the exception of red or processed meat.



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## Legislation delaying implementation of HFSS advertising restrictions published

On 3 June, [The Communications Act 2003 \(Restrictions on the Advertising of Less Healthy Food\) \(Effective Date\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) was laid in Parliament, officially postponing the implementation of the LHF advertising restrictions from 1 October 2025, until 5 January 2026. [Government guidance](#) has been updated to reflect the changes.



## Nesta explainer on health prevention to better outcomes

The NGO Nesta has published an explainer titled '[What is prevention in health and why is it the right approach?](#)', outlining its approach to prevention in health. Nesta argues this approach can lead to better public health outcomes, productivity gains, and fewer chronic conditions, positioning prevention as a more effective strategy than reactive healthcare interventions for achieving long-term health improvements and economic benefits. The document makes several dietary policy recommendations, such as introducing healthiness targets for large retailers, restricting the advertising of HFSS products, mandating front of pack nutrition labelling, amongst others.

## Food labelling and composition

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## Defra response to consultation on 'Fairer Food Labelling' published

On 12 June, Defra published the Government's [response](#) to the UK-wide consultation on 'Fairer Food Labelling', covering country of origin and method of production labelling. Defra noted strong support for clearer labelling and will use the evidence to inform future work with the Devolved Governments and stakeholders, though no timeline has been set.



The UK Government introduced new legislation on 5 June 2025 ([The Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025](#)), which empowers the Defra Secretary of State (SoS) to introduce GB-wide 'Not for EU' labelling by commodity, where it is determined there is a likelihood that the availability of certain goods in Northern Ireland (NI) will be seriously adversely affected by those goods being delisted. The Regulations (still in draft format) are set to come into force on 1 July.

## Environment and sustainability

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### New CAP advice on sustainability claims

On 26 June, CAP published a [news article](#) with advice on sustainability claims used in advertising. The 'Get the Green Light' advice stresses the need for clear, specific, and substantiated environmental claims, with defined terms and consideration of the full product lifecycle to avoid misleading consumers.



### Government funding to tackle food surplus from farms

Defra has [announced](#) £13.6 million in grants to 12 food charities, including City Harvest and FareShare, through the 'Tackling Food Surplus at the Farm Gate' scheme. The funding will help redistribute 19,000 tonnes of surplus farm food to communities, with investments in transport, storage and volunteer training. The initiative forms part of the government's wider 'Plan for Change', alongside the £46.7 million Farming Equipment and Technology Fund.



### July Joint Stakeholder Engagement Forum on Circular Economy

On 8 July, Defra will hold the next [Joint Stakeholder Engagement Forum](#), from 14:30-16:00. Future 2025 events will be held on:

- Tuesday 2 September 2025, 14:30- 16:00: [Register now](#)
- Tuesday 7 October 2025, 14:30- 16:00: [Register now](#)
- Tuesday 4 November 2025, 14:30- 16:00: [Register now](#)
- Tuesday 2 December 2025, 14:30- 16:00: [Register now](#)



### European Commission announces intention to withdraw the Green Claims Directive

"The state of discussions on the proposal runs counter to the Commission's simplification agenda" explained a spokesperson for the executive to justify this decision. The Commission's decision came after negotiators in the European Parliament from the European People's Party (EPP), the European Conservative and Reformist (ECR), and Patriots for Europe (PfE) sent [letters](#) to Environment Commissioner Jessika Roswall informing they would not support any agreement on the text.

Despite the statement, the Commission has not yet formally withdrawn its proposal and has since then, in the face of a growing political pressure, sent mixed signals. More information on this issue [here](#).

# Agriculture

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## Announcement on farm inspection funding to cut agricultural pollution

On 30 June, Defra and the Environment Agency (EA) announced a doubling of farm inspection funding, with the number of EA checks expected to reach 6,000 a year by 2029. The increased investment will support advice-led regulation, enhanced use of remote sensing, and stronger enforcement against serious or repeated pollution incidents.



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## Horticulture statistics 2024

On 26 June, Defra published the '[Horticulture Statistics 2024](#)' report, providing the latest official figures on UK fruit and vegetable production, trade, yield, and area. The release offers detailed insights into the sector's scale and performance over the past year.



## New Red Tractor research on demand for British food

On 18 June, Red Tractor published [consumer research](#) revealing a four-year high in trust and demand for British food, while trust in food from countries, such as the US and India, has sharply declined. The research, timed with UK Government trade talks, supports calls for greater backing of British food producers.



## National Framework for Water Resources 2025 summary

On 17 June, the EA published the '[National Framework for Water Resources 2025: Water for Growth, Nature and a Resilient Future](#)'. This strategic document outlines the long-term water needs for England, projecting a daily public water shortfall of five billion litres by 2055 due to factors like climate change, population growth, and outdated infrastructure. Amongst other things, the framework emphasises the importance of restoring and protecting the environment and highlights the need for regional collaboration to address water supply challenges.



## EA research on water abstraction resources

The EA is conducting [research](#) into how farmers find and use information about water availability in England. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and is completely voluntary. If you have any questions, email [david.miller@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:david.miller@environment-agency.gov.uk)



## EA water reports

The latest EA monthly [water situation reports](#) have been published on the gov.uk website. These reports collect information from the EA, the Met Office and water companies to report on the amount of rain that falls, amount of water flowing in rivers and the outlook.



## Regenerative agriculture POST briefing

On 16 June, the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) published a research briefing on [regenerative agriculture](#). The report outlines the benefits and evidence behind regenerative farming practices, alongside the challenges and opportunities related to scaling up their adoption in the UK context.



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### Farm Practices Survey February 2025

On 12 June, Defra published the results of its annual [Farm Practices Survey February 2025](#), which examined how farming practices in England are adapting to address greenhouse gas mitigation and environmental challenges. The publication includes detailed breakdowns by region, farm type, and farm size, offering insights into how different agricultural sectors are responding to climate and environmental pressures.



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### Environment secretary leads a new push with business to restore nature

On 12 June, SoS Steve Reed launched a [call for evidence](#) on boosting private sector investment in nature recovery, bringing together business leaders and investors at a [roundtable event](#) to scale up investment in natural capital valued at £1.4 trillion in England alone. The initiative, which delivers a key recommendation of the Corry Review, aims to harness private investment to protect and restore the natural environment whilst creating economic opportunities, with partnerships including the Green Finance Institute and the launch of the Big Nature Impact Fund for woodland creation and peatland restoration projects.



COSMOS-UK

### Cosmos-UK soil moisture report – June 2025

On 9 June, Cosmos-UK, a network of soil moisture monitoring sites in the UK, published its [latest report](#). The report states that, at the end of May, “soil moisture levels across COSMOS-UK sites remained generally low; however, rain in the latter half of the month led to a recovery of soil moisture levels at some sites”.



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### Government review to tackle unfair practices in combinable crops supply chain

On 5 June, the UK Government [announced](#) a new review aimed at securing fairer deals for arable farmers producing combinable crops such as cereals, oilseeds and pulses. The review will focus on ensuring producers receive clear, fair and enforceable contracts covering pricing, supply volumes, data and dispute resolution, building on existing Fair Dealing regulations already implemented for milk and pigs sectors, with a formal public consultation to be launched for farmers and stakeholders to share their experiences.



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### UK Agriculture Total Factor Productivity report 2024

On 5 June, Defra released its '[Total Factor Productivity of the United Kingdom agricultural industry in 2024](#)' report, presenting the estimate for Total Income from Farming (TIFF) in the UK for 2024. The report shows that Total factor productivity (TFP) decreased by 1.4% in 2024, driven by increased input volumes that were only partially offset by modest output gains, such as increases in the volumes of potatoes, fresh vegetables, and others. Despite these setbacks, livestock output increased 3.5%.



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### Total Income from Farming – UK 2024

On 5 June, Defra also published the report '[Total Income from farming in the UK in 2024](#)', showing the UK agricultural sector's overall profitability. According to the report, potatoes increased in value to £1,461 million in 2024, up from £1,138 million in 2023, making potatoes the fourth largest contributor to total crop output in 2024.



## Environment Agency opens applications for farm water resources screening studies

The EA has opened [applications](#) for local water resources options screening studies, running from 2 June to 20 July. Groups of two or more neighbouring farms in England can apply for assessments to improve water supply resilience, with studies evaluating options like farm reservoirs, water rights trading, and efficiency measures based on cost, yield and suitability. Priority will be given to farms facing potential licence reductions or located in water-stressed areas.



## Applications open for LRO screening studies

The EA has informed that farmer groups in England can now apply for Local water Resource Options (LRO) screening studies: a practical, expert-supported way to explore local solutions for improving water availability and reliability. The application form and guidance can be accessed on [gov.uk](#).

Other resources recommended by the EA are the [Licence Trading Map](#) and the [Environment Agency Water Hub link](#).



## Independent Water Commission interim findings

Independent Water Commission

On 3 June, the Independent Water Commission published [its interim report on the water sector](#), which was informed by the Commission's [Call for Evidence](#) earlier in the year. The report sets out five key areas where change is needed to reset the water sector in England and Wales: clearer direction from government, stronger regulation of water companies, bringing decisions on water systems closer to local communities, and greater focus on responsible, long-term investors. The final report is expected in the summer.



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## Over £50m in Farming Equipment Grants Closing Soon

UK Government farming grants totalling over £50 million are approaching their application deadlines in July. The £46.7 million [FETF](#) closes at midday on Thursday 10 July, offering grants up to £25,000 for productivity-boosting machinery, slurry management systems, and animal welfare equipment including seed-planting robots and slurry separators. Additionally, the £5 million [Investor Partnerships competition](#) closes on 2 July, designed to attract private investment and accelerate the commercialisation of cutting-edge agricultural technology for farmers and food producers.



The James  
Hutton  
Institute

## Fight Against Blight (FAB) 2025 campaign begins

The 2025 [FAB](#) campaign has now been launched to help potato growers manage the risk of late blight. Over 130 blight scouts, made up of growers, agronomists, and industry reps, are monitoring fields and submitting samples to the James Hutton Institute for rapid analysis. The results will inform real-time outbreak maps, a 7-day risk forecast, and fungicide resistance testing to guide effective crop protection.



## Publication of the European Commission Water Resilience Strategy

At the beginning of June, the European Commission released its [Water Resilience Strategy](#), aiming to address escalating water scarcity and climate-induced challenges across the EU. The three main objectives of the strategy are the restoration and protection of the water cycle; the promotion of a water-smart economy and ensuring access to clean and affordable water. It sets a non-binding goal for EU member states to reduce water consumption by at least 10% by 2030.

## Plant protection products

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### Multi-annual Great Britain control plan for pesticide residues – 2026, 2027 and 2028

On 20 June, Defra and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) published the '[Multi-annual Great Britain control plan for pesticide residues – 2026, 2027 and 2028](#)'. The



co-ordinated control programme specifies particular foodstuffs to be sampled over a three-year rolling programme and also includes a mandatory list of pesticides to be sought. These 36 different foods represent the most important food groups for consumers.



### New EU tMRL for CIPC published

On 16 June, the European Commission (EC) published [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1163 of 13 June 2025](#) amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC)

No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpropham (CIPC), fuberidazole, ipconazole, methoxyfenozide, S-metolachlor and triflurosulfuron in or on certain products. The Regulation amends the temporary Maximum Residue Level (tMRL) for CIPC from 0.35 to 0.2 ppb.



### Pesticide Action Network UK webinar on Glyphosate

Pesticide Action Network UK will run a free webinar titled 'The Global Glyphosate Study' on 9 July, from 13:30-14:15, which will discuss the [recent study](#) coordinated by the Ramazzini Institute in Italy, linking Glyphosate and Glyphosate-based herbicides to cancer. To sign up, click [here](#).

## Groceries supply chain

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Groceries Code Adjudicator

### GCA 2025 Groceries sector survey results

On 25 June, the Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA) [published](#) its latest survey results, showing ongoing improvements in how grocery suppliers are treated under the Groceries Supply Code of Practice for the second year running. Overall compliance scores across the retailers ranged from 98% to 66%, with an average compliance across all 14 retailers of 93% compared to 91% in 2024.



### YouGov ranks top snacks for UK Gen Z

On 19 June, YouGov published its early 2025 brand rankings for [the most popular snack brands](#) among UK Gen Z adults. Based on the highest purchase intent criteria, Pringles emerged as the top-rated brand, followed closely by Walkers and Oreo, with other brands like Cadbury and Doritos also ranking highly.

## Trade

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### UK trade strategy

On 26 June, the DBT published its updated '[UK Trade Strategy](#)', marking a reset in the UK's approach to international trade. Building on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), it is designed to stimulate economic growth, through delivery of targeted business support and working with international partners to achieve mutual benefit through more agile agreements.



## Global trade outlook – June 2025

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On 26 June, the DBT also published its '[Global Trade Outlook – June 2025](#)' report, examining long-term economic and trade trends through to 2050. It forecasts global trade continuing to grow, though more slowly than historic peaks, with trade volumes projected to double in nominal terms. Services, advanced manufacturing, and digital sectors will drive this growth. The UK is expected to remain the sixth-largest economy, maintaining its position as a leading trading nation.



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## New Defra guidance on how to move goods under NIRMS

On 18 June, Defra published [new guidance](#) on procedures for moving goods from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI) under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS). Key requirements include NIRMS registration, consignment certification, approved sealing, and 'Not for EU' labelling.



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## Defra updates guidance on NIRMS labelling

On 16 June, 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](#)'. Other than providing clarification on the application/exemption of certain products, the guidance now refers to The Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025.



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## Market Access Barrier Statistics for Financial Year 2024-25

On 12 June, the DBT published a report on '[Market Access Barrier Statistics: financial year 2024 to 2025](#)'. A total of 394 barriers were reported—a significant increase from 287 the previous year—with the food and drink sector accounting for the highest share (14%). Of these barriers, 129 were fully resolved and 36 partially resolved. Regional data shows Europe had the most reported (79) and resolved (33) barriers.



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## NIPHL guidance: moving used farm machinery to Northern Ireland

On 11 June, Defra and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) published new guidance on the [Northern Ireland Plant Health Label \(NIPHL\) scheme](#), which allows used agricultural and forestry machinery to be moved from GB to NI without a phytosanitary certificate, provided it stays in NI.



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## Defra scraps import checks on medium-risk fruit and vegetables from EU

On 2 June, Defra [announced](#) its intention to scrap import checks and associated fees on medium-risk fruit and veg from the EU in an early move to ease trade ahead of the new Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement with the EU. As a contingency measure, the easement of checks has now been extended from 1 July 2025 to 31 January 2027.



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## New Business.gov.uk website

The former DBT great.gov website has been replaced by the new [business.gov.uk](#). The new website now hosts guidance on resources from starting a business to exporting products internationally.



## TSS bulletins

The [Trader Support Service \(TSS\) bulletins](#) provide updates on GB–NI trade policy, covering customs processes, guidance on declarations, and news or case studies showing how TSS helps traders move goods smoothly between GB and NI.



HM Revenue  
& Customs

### New guidance on CERTEX to move goods to NI

On 29 May, HMRC published new [guidance](#) for businesses moving licensed goods into or out of NI via the ‘red lane’. The Certificates Exchange System (CERTEX) replaces the previous Automatic Licence Verification System (ALVS), requiring customs declarations to exactly match license and certificate details to prevent delays and inspections.



### New UK Export Academy free events

The UK Export Academy will be running a series of free online events for traders in July, dedicated to exploring global opportunities, including:

- [Exploring the halal market through the Malaysian International Halal Expo](#): 1 July, 09:00-10:00.
- [Unlocking Opportunities in the Chinese Market](#): 2 July, 09:00-10:00.
- [Get ready for the USA](#): 2 July, 14:00-15:00.
- [Market Overview & Opportunities in India](#): 14 July, 10:00-11:00.
- [Unlock Europe: Getting your goods into the EU – What is best for your business](#): 25 July, 10:00-11:00.

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### Food Authenticity Network (FAN)

The Food Authenticity Network (FAN) curate an online repository of resources, training and best practice for food authenticity analysis and fraud risk mitigation. Resources include a monthly email bulletin of news and updates. This global network of food industry professionals, regulators, and service providers is [free to join](#). FAN is funded by support from public and private partner organisations, including the FSA.



### NFX UK

NFX UK is the UK’s first Novel Foods Expert Network helping novel foods get to market faster by connecting innovators with experts, and sharing knowledge to help navigate complex regulations. For more information, sign up to the [NFX UK’s mailing list](#).



### IFST guidelines on sensory analysis

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) has published new [‘Guidelines for Ethical and Professional Practices for Sensory Analysis of Foods’](#). The guidelines are designed to cover the use of the techniques of sensory analysis or sensory evaluation of food and ingredients in research or quality control, but do not cover the use of techniques for large-scales surveys, which are covered by the Market Research Society.



## FDF's Shaping a Healthier Future report

The Food and Drink Federation (FDF) launched its new '[Shaping a healthier future through food and drink](#)' report in June, highlighting the ongoing work of food and drink manufacturers to support the nation's health, alongside championing how the FDF can work with government and other partners to drive further progress. The report states that FDF "members products now contribute 33% less salt, 25% fewer sugars and 24% less calories to the GB grocery market compared to 2015".



## Christopher Gosau is the new President of the European Snacks Association

ESA has informed that [Christopher Gosau](#), Director Government Affairs EU & DACH at PepsiCo EU, has been appointed as its new President for the period 2025-2027. Please see ESA's [press release](#) for further details.

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### PPA Board

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 – FDF offices - 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 June 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.
02-Jun	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 22 2025	173/25
02-Jun	Nutrition and Health tracker (Jun.25 update)	174/25
05-Jun	Confirmation of attendance of IN-PERSON FLC meeting and DRAFT agenda, 1 July	175/25
06-Jun	The Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025 ('Not for EU' labelling)	176/25
06-Jun	Updates on LHF advertising restrictions	177/25
09-Jun	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 23 2025	178/25
09-Jun	MEETING TIME CHANGE - Confirmation of attendance of IN-PERSON FLC meeting and DRAFT agenda, 1 July	179/25
09-Jun	OHID Changes in food and drink purchasing behaviour and impact on diet and nutrition 2021-2023	180/25
10-Jun	EC Reg. (EU) 2025/1112 amending Annex I Reg. (EC) 1334/2008 on flavourings	181/25
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11-Jun	Government Chemist Food and Feed Law legislation updates	184/25
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16-Jun	CIPC Regulation published	188/25
16-Jun	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 24 2025	189/25
16-Jun	KIND REMINDER: FLC meeting 1 July 2025 (in-person) - Confirmation of attendance of online FLC meeting and Draft agenda	190/25
16-Jun	KIND REMINDER: Annual crisps, snacks and nuts salt data collection 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	191/25
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#### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

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16-Jun	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 12 June 2025	125/25
16-Jun	EA latest water reports	126/25
18-Jun	EA 2025 National water framework published	127/25
19-Jun	Virtual meeting - Phytophthora Under the Lens: A Critical Challenge for Europe's Potato Sector	128/25
20-Jun	Multi-annual Great Britain control plan for pesticide residues – 2026, 2027 and 2028	129/25
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## Upcoming events

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- 1 July 2025 [HSE course: Plant protection product registration under the provision of Article 34 \(exemption from the submission of studies\) under plant protection regimes in GB and NI, York](#)
- 1 July 2025 [UK Export Academy webinar: Exploring the halal market through the Malaysian International Halal Expo, online](#)
- 1 July 2025 [DBT Meet the Market: International Food & Drink Roadshow, Bristol](#)
- 2 July 2025 [UK Export Academy webinar: Unlocking Opportunities in the Chinese Market, online](#)

2 July 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: Get ready for the USA, online</a>
3 July 2025	<a href="#">DBT Meet the Market: International Food &amp; Drink Roadshow, York</a>
8 July 2025	<a href="#">Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online</a>
8 July 2025	<a href="#">FDF webinar: Turning waste into value: Circular economy strategies, online</a>
9 July 2025	<a href="#">Pesticide Action Network UK webinar, 'The Global Glyphosate Study', online</a>
10 July 2025	<a href="#">IFST/University of Oxford: Oxford Food Summit 2025, Oxford</a>
10 July 2025	<a href="#">FDF/Tritility webinar: SECR, ESOS and Energy Monitoring: What Food and Drink Manufacturers Need to Know in 2025, online</a>
14 July 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: Market Overview &amp; Opportunities in India, online</a>
15 July 2025	<a href="#">GS1 webinar: Combating food waste with QR codes powered by GS1, online</a>
17 July 2025	<a href="#">HSE course: Hints and tips for writing a biocides efficacy product assessment report under GB biocidal products regulation, online</a>
22-23 July 2025	<a href="#">HSE course: Technical equivalence tier I assessments for plant protection products in GB and NI, online</a>
25 July 2025	<a href="#">UK Export Academy webinar: Unlock Europe: Getting your goods into the EU – What is best for your business, online</a>
5 August 2025	CUPGRA Field Day 2, Cambridge
7 August 2025	<a href="#">Potatoes in Practice 2025, Dundee</a>
2 September 2025	<a href="#">PSI Potato Storage Management course, Rutland</a>
2 September 2025	<a href="#">Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online</a>
3-4 September 2025	<a href="#">Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands</a>
1 October 2025	<a href="#">IGD conference: The Future of the UK Food System, London</a>
7 October 2025	<a href="#">IFST Autumn Conference 2025, Nottingham</a>
7 October 2025	<a href="#">Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online</a>
4 November 2025	<a href="#">Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online</a>
9-5 November 2025	<a href="#">Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany</a>
19-20 November 2025	<a href="#">British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire</a>
2 December 2025	<a href="#">Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online</a>
9 December 2025	CUPGRA Conference, Cambridge
30 Mar-1 Apr 2026	<a href="#">IFE 2026, London</a>

## **Industry meetings**

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1 July 2025	PPA Food Law and Consumer (FLC) Committee meeting, London
2 July 2025	FDF Presidents Committee, London
2 July 2025	European Potato Value Chain (PVC) meeting, online
2 July 2025	Stakeholder Engagement: FDF Parliamentary Reception, House of Commons
3 July 2025	FDF Food Safety Committee (FSC) meeting, hybrid
3 July 2025	Nematicides Stewardship Programme (NSP) meeting, online
8 July 2025	FSA Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG) meeting, online
8 July 2025	FDF Association Advisory Group (AAG) meeting, hybrid
9 July 2025	Chlorpropham Residues Management Group (CRMG), online
9 July 2025	Stakeholder Engagement: DEFRA/PPA/GB Potatoes catch-up, online
10 July 2025	Potato Stakeholders Fortnightly Call, online
14 July 2025	Stakeholder Engagement: PPA meeting with Euromonitor, online
17 July 2025	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) meeting, hybrid
22 July 2025	BExG Food Standards & Labelling Group, hybrid
24 July 2025	Potato Stakeholders Fortnightly Call, 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 27 June 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 24 June 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 16 June 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 21 May 2025)

[NI-GB Trader Support Service](#)

[TSS bulletins](#)

[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 18 June 2025)

[NICTA website](#)

[Defra Guidance: NIRMS: how to move goods](#) (first published 18 June 2025).

#### **UK Imports**

[Defra Guidance: Import animal products for human consumption to GB](#) (last updated 22 April 2025)

[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)

[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 27 May 2025)

[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 19 June 2025)

[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 26 June 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 19 May 2025)

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

[HMRC: Safety and security declarations](#) (last updated 1 May 2025)

[Defra/APHA Guidance: Animals, animal products and HRFNAO imports: authorised border control posts in the UK](#) (last updated 28 March 2025)

[Defra/APHA Guidance: Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues](#) (last updated 26 June 2025)

## **Exports**

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

[HMRC Notice: Notices made under the Customs \(Export\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (last updated 1 May 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 June 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 20 June 2025)

[HMRC: Safety and security declarations](#) (last updated 1 May 2025)

[HMRC: Moving licensed goods into or out of NI](#) (first published 29 May 2025)

## **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT) and Simpler Recycling**

[Defra Guidance: Packaging data: what to collect for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 19 June 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 20 June 2025)

[Defra/EA Guidance: Extended Producer Responsibility: who is affected and what to do](#) (last updated 19 May 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 Guidance: Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England](#) (first published 21 May 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Recyclability assessment methodology: how to assess your packaging waste](#) (last updated 19 May 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](#)

[IGD Food Strategy](#)

[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 Guidance: SFI scheme: expanded offer for 2024](#) (last updated 12 May 2025)

[Defra/RPA/FC Guidance: Funding for farmers, growers and land managers](#) (last updated 12 May 2025)

[Defra/RPA Guidance: Delinked payments: replacing the Basic Payment Scheme](#) (last updated 16 June 2025)

[EA Research and analysis. Water situation: area monthly reports for England](#) (last updated 12 June 2025)  
[EA Research and analysis: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 26 June 2025)  
[EA Water Hub](#)  
[Defra Help for Water Rights Trading Data \(England\)](#) (last updated 19 June 2025)  
[DfE Guidance: School food standards practical guide](#) (last updated 13 February 2025)  
[DBT Guidance: UK Sustainability Reporting Standards](#) (last updated 25 June 2025)  
[Defra Guidance: Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) in farming](#) (last updated 13 March 2025).

## **Current consultations**

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**DESNZ:** [Consultation on voluntary carbon and nature markets: raising integrity](#) (closes 10 July 2025)  
**EA:** [Consultation on charge proposals for simpler recycling](#) (closes 15 July 2025)  
**HMRC/HMT:** [Strengthening the Soft Drinks Industry Levy consultation](#) (closes 21 July 2025)  
**WG:** [Consultation on Healthy Eating in Schools](#) (closes 29 July 2025)  
**DBT:** [Consultation on Groceries Code Adjudicator \(GCA\) statutory review 2022-2025](#) (closes 5 August 2025)  
**Defra:** [Consultation on Farm Practices Survey](#) (closes on 1 September 2025)

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