

# Newsletter – August 2025

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## **Government**

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### **GB/NI Sea border for food and agricultural products will remain in place until 2027**

As part of a speech delivered on 27 August, EU Relations Minister Nick Thomas-Symonds confirmed that the Irish Sea border for food and agricultural products will not be dismantled until 2027.

In May this year the UK and EU agreed an outline deal which, when implemented, will mean no physical checks on GB food products at NI ports. The Minister said further negotiations with the EU will happen in the autumn with a view to UK legislation in 2026 and implementation in 2027.

## **Food safety**

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### **FSA publishes summary of responses to consultations on the Food Law Codes of Practice**

On 11 August the Food Standards Agency (FSA) published a summary of responses to the [England](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) (NI) consultations on proposed amendments to the respective Food Law Codes of Practice.

The FSA will now consider the summary of responses to inform Ministers of the respective jurisdictions. Following Ministerial approval the FSA will publish the Codes, and a summary of the changes made. Subject to ministerial approval, the FSA intends to publish the revised Codes and Practice Guidance in the Autumn 2025.



## PPA list of EU contaminants legislation since Brexit, in preparation for the EU/UK SPS agreement

As part of the UK-EU Summit on 19 May 2025 it was agreed that the UK and EU would work towards an 'SPS Agreement'. Details of the agreement have yet to be discussed, but the agreement is expected to cover sanitary, phytosanitary, food safety, consumer protection, marketing standards and composition. UK is expected to dynamically align with the EU subject to some optional provisions or derogations.

In anticipation that Defra and FSA/Food Standard Scotland (FSS) will start alignment work on contaminants in food, PPA has prepared a summary of EU contaminants regulations that have been published and/or came into force post 1 January 2020. Since Brexit, GB has not published any additional contaminants legislation (NI does still apply EU regs).

The PPA secretariat would be interested to hear from members on any issues or concerns relating to timescales for transition to an alignment scenario for managing contaminants in ingredients within your portfolios.



### Professor Robin May to leave the FSA in September

On 5 August the FSA announced that [Professor Robin May will step down](#) from his role as Chief Scientific Adviser in September following his appointment as Interim Chief Scientific Officer at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). During his tenure, Professor May played a key role in shaping the FSA's scientific direction and public health initiatives. The FSA has launched an [open recruitment campaign](#) to appoint Professor May's permanent successor.



Government Chemist

### E-seminar: A review of allergen analytical testing methodologies

The Joint Knowledge Transfer Framework for Food Standards and Food Safety Analysis has made available an [e-seminar reviewing current methodologies used in allergen analytical testing](#). This e-seminar summarises the content of the [FSA report FS900246](#), a report by Fera Science Ltd., which provides a review of allergen analytical testing methodologies. It also covers information, guidance and best practice on how and where to apply the approaches described, to detect priority allergens in foods.



### Draft ESA guide on managing acrylamide in vegetable crisps

The European Snacks Association (ESA) has circulated a draft guidance document for managing acrylamide formation in sliced vegetable crisps, for members' input, builds and comments.

The text is aligned with the format ESA developed in 2016 for potato crisps and dough-based snacks. It is also aligned with the existing requirements within the EU regulation on acrylamide, recognising that the Commission has previously proposed to set Benchmark Levels for these products and has proposed that they utilise the existing mitigation tools for potatoes. Comments are welcomed by close of business 12 September 2025.



### ESA completes the annual submission of acrylamide data to EFSA

Earlier in August, ESA completed the annual submission of acrylamide occurrence data to EFSA. This year there were a total of 7,794 observations received from 11 producers of sliced potato crisps across Europe.

For 2024 the mean acrylamide level was 355 ppb (5.5% greater than 2022, the year with the lowest mean acrylamide so far). 6.5% of observations were greater than the Benchmark Level (750 ppb), 1.5% of observations were greater than 1000 ppb, and only 0.03% of observations were greater than 2000 ppb.



### ESA supporting COST Action on furan

Following discussion, the ESA Board has agreed to support the ILSI Europe proposal for a COST Action project on furan. If successful, the funding from the COST will be used to facilitate discussion between the academic community and industry. Work is currently taking place with a consultant to prepare the full application. As an example of the potential benefits, a summary of the outcomes of the recent acrylamide COST work can be viewed [here](#).



### EU corrigendum to HRFNAO regulations and new EHC

The European Commission has published a [corrigendum](#) amending Implementing Regulation No 2019/1793, which lists High Risk Food Not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO) products to which specific import controls apply for entry into the EU. Also, please note that a [new format of Export Health Certificate \(EHC\)](#) must be used by traders sending HRFNAO to the EU from 12 August.



### Allergen management within Scottish food businesses

FSS has issued a six-week long survey (closing at midnight on 6 October 2025) on allergen management within Scottish food businesses. The responses and opinions gathered from this survey are for internal use only and will not be made public. Respondents will not be asked to provide any personal details when completing the survey, meaning all responses will remain anonymous. The survey should take approx. 10-minutes to complete. The survey can be viewed [here](#).



### Report of the Codex Committee on Food Contaminants, 18th Session

An English language version of the REPORT OF THE 18th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS, Bangkok, Thailand 23-27 June 2025, has now been published on the Codex Alimentarius website (see [here](#)).

A key item was the review of the Codex Code of Practice for the reduction of acrylamide in foods. The session agreed that more time was needed to develop the discussion paper, and to identify more information on mitigation strategies that could be included in the updated Code of Practice.



### Change of leadership at EFSA

Dr Bernhard Url, EFSA's Executive Director, will conclude his tenure after 11 years in the role and 13 years with the organisation. From 1 September 2025 Dr Nikolaus Kriz, currently heading EFSA's Risk Assessment Services Department, will take on the role.

## Health and wellbeing

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### PPA response to DHSC consultation on brand advertising exemption from LHF advertising restrictions

PPA's response to the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) consultation on brand advertising exemption from advertising restrictions of Less Healthy Food (LHF) was submitted at the start of the month.

The Advertising Association (AA) has informed PPA that the Committee of Advertising Practice's (CAP) Executive is in the process of drafting new guidance, which they intend to put out for consultation as soon as possible once the final legislation has been laid. As part of that process, the guidance is expected to be signed off by members of CAP/BCAP (including the AA) at the end of August. We will keep members informed on the outcome of the consultation and next steps.



Department  
of Health &  
Social Care

### OHID Better Health Rewards pilot – Summary of results

On 1 August the Office for Health Improvements and Disparities (OHID) released results from its [Better Health Rewards pilot](#), conducted in Wolverhampton between February and October 2023. The programme tested whether financial incentives backed by government could help people improve their diet and physical activity. The DHSC will now assess the findings to explore the role of such incentives in supporting the Government's prevention-focused health strategy. The full report can be found [here](#).



World Health  
Organization  
European Region

### WHO Europe Policy brief on food taxes for a healthy diet

On 5 September WHO Europe will host a [webinar](#) to support launch a new policy brief, developed with technical support from the Centre for Health Economics & Policy Innovation at Imperial Business School of Imperial College London, offering guidance for countries on how to design and implement food taxes and subsidies to promote healthier diets and reduce the burden of obesity and noncommunicable diseases.



### Sugar Awareness Week 2025

NGO Action on Sugar & Salt has confirmed this year's [Sugar Awareness Week](#) will take place on 17 to 23 November 2025. Whilst a theme has yet to be announced, the lobby group typically issues press releases throughout the course of the week.

## Food labelling and composition

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### PPA data on members progress and UK Government reformulation programmes

The results of our analysis of salt and sugar data for member products, including crisps and snacks, flavoured nuts, popcorn and processed potato products for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 have recently been circulated to PPA committee members. Many thanks to all members who supplied salt and sugar data for their products this year.

This year's analyses include data from 7 (out of 8) of our crisping members and one non-member company, Kellanova (and therefore Pringles lines are also included). Kellanova continue to kindly cooperate with our work, supporting the validity of the figures and helping us to keep track of industry progress towards government reformulation targets, and therefore minimising the impact of any external calls for legislation in these areas.



### Updated FSA guidance on health and identification marks

The FSA has produced [updated guidance](#) for UK food businesses that produce products of animal origin (POAO). It outlines the requirements for identification marks that are needed on POAO produced by UK businesses to be placed on Great Britain, Northern Ireland, EU and non-EU markets. Businesses in NI should also be transitioning as soon as possible to the suffix 'EU' within identification marks

PPA is working closely with the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) on the potential impact of the UK Government's commitment under the '10 Year Health Plan for England' to update the current Nutrient Profile Model (NPM).

The current NPM dates back 2004-2005 and is used to underpin the advertising and promotion regulations for food and drinks high in fat, sugar or salt (HFSS). Officials have indicated that the revised NPM, which they consulted on back in 2018 (to reflect new UK dietary advice for free sugars and fibre), is likely to form the basis of the new model.

## Environment and sustainability

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### EPR methodology and local authority payments

On 7 August the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) released updated guidance on Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging (pEPR) payments. The document on ['Methodology and procedure for calculating 2025 to 2026 payments'](#) explains the assumptions, data sources, and modelling steps used to estimate costs. A second guidance note, ['Local authority payments and material base fees'](#), provides a breakdown of costs and tonnages by material, showing how these figures inform the scheme's base fees.



### Recommendation on voluntary sustainability reporting for SMEs

On 30 July 2025 the European Commission officially adopted a [recommendation](#) on voluntary sustainability reporting for small and medium-sized enterprises. The standard adopted in the recommendation is intended to support SMEs by making it easier for them to respond to requests for sustainability information from large companies and financial institutions, and to reduce administrative burden as a result of the implementation of mandatory reporting requirements under the [Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive \(CSRD\)](#). Related documents can be found on the official Commission [website](#).



### Guidance on EU Deforestation Regulation published in the OJ

Earlier this month, a Commission [Guidance Document for Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1115 on Deforestation-Free Products](#) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ). Intended for manufacturers, suppliers and operators, the 42 page long document aims to help ensure harmonised implementation of the [EU Deforestation Regulation](#) (EUDR), ahead of its upcoming application date of 30 December 2025.

The guidance document aims to clarify definitions within the EUDR provisions, the scope of application to different products, and addresses enforcement timelines and questions of legality and certifications.

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## National Drought Group press release



Environment  
Agency

On 12 August Defra and the Environment Agency (EA) issued a press release following a meeting of the National Drought Group (NDG) held on 11 August, convened to address England's [escalating water shortage](#), now deemed a "nationally significant incident." Despite recent rainfall, river and reservoir levels remain low. The EA urged continued water-saving efforts across all sectors.



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Defra allocates £150 million in farming grants

On 1 August Defra confirmed that [£150 million in farming grants](#) has been successfully allocated, following over 8,000 applications in less than five weeks, the fastest uptake to date. The funding supports sustainable farming and environmental improvements, including water quality protection, biodiversity enhancement, and air quality upgrades, as part of the government's wider Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes.



Environment  
Agency

## EA urges farmers to start preparations for winter slurry storage

On 30 July the EA issued a reminder to farmers to begin preparations for [winter slurry storage](#). The agency emphasised the importance of managing slurry responsibly to prevent pollution and ensure compliance with environmental regulations. Farmers are encouraged to assess their storage capacity early and seek support where needed. This guidance is part of broader efforts to protect water quality and promote sustainable agricultural practices.



Environment  
Agency

## New pathway for sustainable growth in England's industrial hubs

On 30 July the EA published a [landmark report](#) outlining recommendations to help unlock the economic and environmental benefits of industrial clusters. These include better recognition for industrial clusters in future planning reforms to make the most of the sustainable development opportunities they offer, and proactive planning for industrial clusters in local growth plans.



Harper Adams  
University

## Smart agricultural water resources management symposium

PPA members are invited to attend a free mini symposium on *Smart Agricultural Water Resources Management*, taking place at Harper Adams University in Shropshire on 11 September 2025. For the full programme and details, and to register, please see [here](#).



Scottish Government  
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## Consultation on Scotland's Fourth Land Use Strategy

The Scottish Government (SG) is seeking views on its proposed approach to the next Land Use Strategy (LUS). The LUS is a document that sets out SGs strategic direction and vision for sustainable land use in Scotland, and the objectives, policies and actions that will help deliver it.

The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 requires Scottish Ministers, by law, to produce a Land Use Strategy every five years. The first Strategy was published in 2011, the second in 2016, the third in 2021 and the fourth will be published by the end of March 2026. For more detail see [here](#). The deadline for comments is 5 October 2025.



## Potatoes in Practice 2025

[Potatoes in Practice 2025](#) took place on 7 August. The event was hosted by the [James Hutton Institute](#) through the [National Potato Innovation Centre \(NPIC\)](#), in partnership with Scotland's Rural College ([SRUC](#)), and [Agrii](#), bringing together leading voices from across the sector for four engaging seminars covering modern breeding techniques, sustainability, Free-Living Nematodes (FLN), and the latest pest and disease updates. With 56 exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge technologies, crop solutions, and sustainable practices, attendees gained valuable insights into the future of the potato industry.

Highlights included live demonstrations of a next-generation agricultural drone for precision spraying and spreading, alongside displays of the latest static machinery. You can watch a short video from the event [here](#).

## Plant protection products

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### CIPC Residue Monitoring Group Year 2 report

The CIPC Residue Monitoring Group is currently finalising its report for residue monitoring tests undertaken in 2024/25. A total of 156 samples were collected by the group (equivalent to around 150,000 tonnes of stored crop), beating the 125-target set by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE).

From the 2024/25 data around 20% of the storage sites reported residues above the limit of detection (LOD), but below the temporary Maximum Residue Level (tMRL) of 0.35mg/kg. Despite low levels, this does suggest that more cleaning work and education is still required in the UK.

The tMRL was always a temporary value, and the long-term intention of HSE is to reduce it to the LOD. With the upcoming EU-UK SPS agreement, it is likely that the UK will adopt the EU tMRL which is currently set at a lower level of 0.2mg/kg.



### New rules for buying rodenticides from 2026

Red Tractor has reported that if you use or buy professional rodenticides, there are some changes coming in from 1 January 2026. From that date, the [Campaign for Responsible Rodenticides Use](#) (CRRU) will require users of rodenticides to show proof of competence when buying these products.

To qualify, either:

- Complete a CRRU UK-approved training course (within the last 5 years) OR
- Be signed up to a CRRU UK-recognised CPD (Continuing Professional Development) scheme.

You'll need to show this proof when buying rodenticides from 2026 onwards. These changes are part of updated rules being put in place to make sure rodenticides are used responsibly by everyone.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme – June 2025 Rolling Report

On 13 August Defra published the [June 2025 Rolling Report for the Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme](#).

There were 8 potato samples in the dataset. Testing indicated the presence of residues (below the relevant MRLs) in 6 of the samples. Actives detected during the screening were Propamocarb, Maleic Hydrazide, and 1,4-DMN.



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme – May 2025 Rolling Report

On 1 August Defra published the [May 2025 Rolling Report for the Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme](#).

Two samples of Spunta Potatoes imported from Egypt contained residues fluazifop-p (sum) above the Maximum Residue Level (MRL) at 0.4 and 0.3 mg/kg (MRL = 0.15 mg/kg\*). A short-term effect on health is not expected. Detailed risk assessments will be presented in the quarterly report.



### PPA work on divergent pesticide legislation since Brexit, in preparation for EU/UK SPS agreement

A first stakeholder working group on the EU-UK SPS agreement took place on 25 July, with GB Potatoes and FDF representatives in attendance.

PPA understands that two key issues were identified during the initial meeting:

- Timing: What a reasonable transition timeline towards an alignment scenario might look like.
- Divergence: Differences in approvals and authorisations of active substances and pesticides.

In advance of the meeting PPA provided lines to take, and post meeting provided data to both GB Potatoes and FDF, including an updated list of actives which were thought to be relevant to the GB potato sector, and which were either recently withdrawn, amended or under threat (either at an EU level or at a GB level).

PPA also provided GB Potatoes and FDF with information on timescales for transition to an alignment scenario for actives for frozen, PC and potato dehydrate products i.e., *how long would it take for the supply chain to adjust, thinking both about active substance/product approvals and MRLs, and highlighting any dependencies*.



### PAN UK lobbies for ban on pesticides usage by local authorities

NGO PAN UK has published the results of a [UK-wide survey](#) on pesticide use by local authorities in public spaces. PAN UK claims that this provides the most comprehensive picture of urban pesticide use by local councils in the UK to date. Whilst [the data shows](#) significant reduction over the past decade, over half of UK councils continue to apply pesticides in public spaces such as parks, playgrounds, pavements, playing fields and housing estates. The majority of these chemicals are herbicides, with glyphosate identified as the most widely used in urban areas.

## Groceries supply chain

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### CMA guidance on complying with consumer protection law

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has published new online collection on [guidance on complying with consumer protection law](#). The compendium contains links to guidance on topics such as contract writing, identification and prevention of fake reviews, and marketing and advertising, including links to the [Green Claims Code](#), [food labelling and packaging](#), and others.



Department for  
Business & Trade

## Government announces new measures to improve payment practices for small businesses

On 30 July the UK Government unveiled a legislative package aimed at [tackling late payments to small businesses](#). The proposed reforms include new powers for the Small Business Commissioner to issue fines and conduct spot checks, alongside a mandatory 30-day invoice verification period. Large companies will also face board-level scrutiny of payment practices through audit committees. These measures form part of the Government's Small Business Plan to support SME growth and improve cash flow across the sector.

## Partners

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### NFX UK Launch Conference

On 10 September, NFX, the UK's first Novel Foods Expert Network for Regulatory Challenges, UK will host its first major conference to mark the official launch of the UK's first innovation platform dedicated to Novel Foods. The event will take place in Central London (location TBC), and will bring together sector experts to discuss innovation, regulation, and the future of Novel Foods in the UK and internationally. For more information, and to register your interest, click [here](#).



### IFST webinar on Artificial Intelligence in Food Science

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) will be hosting a webinar on '[Working towards standards in Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)' on 10 September. The event will explore the evolving role of AI in food science. Topics include the types of AI, regulatory perspectives, and applications in areas such as personalised nutrition and health claims. Speakers from the University of Surrey, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), and Spoon Guru will share insights on balancing innovation with consumer protection.



### Latest Action on Fibre Results Released

The FDF has unveiled the newest findings from its [Action on Fibre](#) campaign, showcasing the efforts of food and drink producers in promoting healthier eating habits. Since the initiative began in 2021, participating FDF members have contributed 1.5 billion additional portions of fibre to UK diets. Alongside the announcement, consumer research revealed that many Britons believe their daily fibre intake should be 12.4g, less than half the amount recommended by government guidelines.



### Ambition 2030 toolkits

The FDF has now launched five new [member toolkits](#) covering each strategic pillar of the Ambition 2030 programme: Net Zero, Nature Restoration, Sustainable Commodities, Food Waste and Packaging. Each toolkit provides practical steps and guidance, as well as resources that businesses need to undertake a self-assessment, to understand their environmental impact and potential areas for improvement.

## **PPA committee meeting dates 2025**

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### **PPA Board**

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

12 November 2025	13:30-17:00	Microsoft Teams (online)
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### **Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee**

Other 2025 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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## **PPA circulars issued in August 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)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Circular No.</b>
01-Aug	LHF advertising restrictions - Voluntary Industry Agreement campaign	243/25
04-Aug	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 31 2025	244/25
04-Aug	Informal summary report of the meeting of Commission Working Group on Additives– 2 July	245/25
04-Aug	FDF Scotland draft response to SG call for views on proposed Good Food Nation Plan	246/25
04-Aug	LHF advertising restrictions - PPA support and additional materials for members - LHF Industry Agreement campaign	247/25
05-Aug	FINAL DRAFT PPA response to DHSC consultation on brand advertising exemption from LHF advertising restrictions	248/25
06-Aug	FINAL PPA response to DHSC consultation on brand advertising exemption from LHF advertising restrictions	249/25
11-Aug	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 32 2025	250/25
11-Aug	Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1441	251/25
11-Aug	Acrylamide: Review of introduction section of the FDE AA Toolbox - Verification of validity	252/25
12-Aug	Official Controls: New Official Certificate for to export or move HRFNAO to the EU and NI	253/25
12-Aug	ESA 'General' Contaminants Issue Tracker	254/25
13-Aug	List of EU contaminants legislation since Brexit, in preparation for EU/UK SPS agreement	255/25
14-Aug	EFRA Animal and Plant Health Inquiry	256/25
14-Aug	FDF draft response to Health and Social Care Select Committee inquiry into food and weight management	257/25
14-Aug	PPA Annual Salt and Sugar Data 2025 - provisional results	258/25
15-Aug	Nutrient Profiling Model 2018 – Category Impact Modelling -	259/25
18-Aug	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 33 2025	260/25
18-Aug	FLC meeting minutes: 1 July 2025	261/25
26-Aug	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 34 2025	262/25
26-Aug	Allergen Management within Scottish Food Businesses	263/25

26-Aug	Report of the Codex Committee on Food Contaminants 18th Session, Bangkok, Thailand 23-27 June 2025	264/25
27-Aug	FoodDrinkEurope's draft comments on Codex CCFL draft amendments to the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods - Joint presentation and multipack formats	265/25
29-Aug	Monthly digest of EU legislation (August 2025)	266/25
29-Aug	Plant protection products log – August 2025	267/25
29-Aug	PPA Monthly Newsletter - August 2025	268/25

### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
01-Aug	Rolling reporting survey for the official Pesticide Residues in Food Monitoring Programme - May 2025 data	166/25
04-Aug	EUPPA draft list of active substances used by the potato sector	167/25
04-Aug	List of relevant actives withdrawn or amended EU and GB (potatoes)	168/25
11-Aug	Acrylamide: Review of introduction section of the FDE AA Toolbox	169/25
12-Aug	Updated ESA 'general' contaminants issues tracker	170/25
13-Aug	Drought press release	171/25
13-Aug	List of EU contaminants legislation since Brexit, in preparation for EU/UK SPS agreement	172/25
14-Aug	Rolling reporting survey for the official Pesticide Residues in Food Monitoring Programme - June 2025 data	173/25
14-Aug	Fresh Produce 'Fair Dealings' Proposals	174/26
14-Aug	EFRA Animal and Plant Health Inquiry on the UK-EU SPS Agreement	175/25
15-Aug	FINAL Draft letter to SoS on status of mancozeb – PPA intention to not co-sign	176/25
26-Aug	Smart agricultural water resources management: Symposium 11 September	177/25
27-Aug	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 21 August 2025	178/25
29-Aug	Monthly digest of EU legislation (August 2025)	179/25
29-Aug	Plant protection products log – August 2025	180/25
29-Aug	PPA Monthly Newsletter - August 2025	181/25

## Upcoming events

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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>
2 September 2025	<a href="#">FDF webinar: Shaping a Healthier Future: Collaboration between industry and academia, online</a>
3-4 September 2025	<a href="#">Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands</a>
5 September 2025	<a href="#">WHO Europe Policy brief on food taxes for a healthy diet, online</a>
9-10 September 2025	<a href="#">Speciality &amp; Fine Food Fair, London</a>
10 September 2025	<a href="#">NFX UK launch conference, London</a>
10 September 2025	<a href="#">IFST webinar: Working towards standards in Artificial Intelligence (AI), online</a>
11 September 2025	<a href="#">Smart agricultural water resources management: Symposium, Harper Adams University</a>
11 September 2025	<a href="#">FDF Awards 2025, London</a>
22 September 2025	<a href="#">IFST/FAN webinar: Two Decades of Detecting and Preventing Food Fraud: 2015 – 2035, online</a>
25 September 2025	<a href="#">FSA Food for Thought webinar: The Pathogen Surveillance in Agriculture, Food and Environment (PATH-SAFE) programme, online</a>
30 September 2025	<a href="#">2025 Groceries Code Adjudicator Conference, London and online</a>

1 October 2025	<a href="#">IGD conference: The Future of the UK Food System, London</a>
1 October 2025	<a href="#">FDF Food Safety Network Event: Food Science for Tomorrow's World, 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>
13-15 October 2025	<a href="#">ESA Savoury Snacks Production Course, Part 2, Vienna, Austria</a>
15 October 2025	<a href="#">FoodManufacturing.Live 2025, Warwickshire</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	FDF Regulatory Update webinar, online
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 September 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST action call, online
4 September 2025	Potato Stakeholders Fortnightly Call, online
9 September 2025	EUPPA SGDAG meeting, online
9 September 2025	NAAC PHTG meeting, in person
11 September 2025	FDF International Trade Committee (ITC) meeting, hybrid
15 September 2025	FSA Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG) extended meeting, online
15 September 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST action call, online
16 September 2025	FSA/FSS Q&A session on acrylamide, online
17 September 2025	EUPPA Board meeting, online
18 September 2025	FDF Food Safety Committee (FSC) call, online
18 September 2025	Potato Stakeholders Fortnightly Call, online
22 September 2025	Potato Value Chain Meeting, online
23 September 2025	ESA Nut Processors Working Group (NPWG) Q3 meeting, online
24 September 2025	FDF Food Law & Labelling (FLL) Committee meeting, hybrid
25 September 2025	FDF Nutrition (NUT) Committee meeting, hybrid
25 September 2025	FoodDrinkEurope INCO WG meeting, hybrid
25 September 2025	FoodDrinkEurope NUT WG group, hybrid
26 September 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST action call, online
29 September 2025	ESA EC Regulatory (ECR) WG Q3 meeting, online
30 September 2025	ESA Public Affairs and Communications (PAC) WG Q3 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 17 July 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**

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