


Newsletter – July 2025


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 **UK Internal Market Act Review – Government Response**

The UK Government published its response to the [review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020](#) consultation on 15 July. Key outcomes include agreement with devolved governments on how all four nations engage with businesses and stakeholders through Common Frameworks and a more proportionate approach to exclusions under the Act. It also commits to greater consideration of environmental and public health factors in exclusion proposals.

 **England Food Strategy outcomes framework**

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has this month published the England Food Strategy outcomes framework, titled '[Towards a Good Food Cycle](#)'. The document sets out a long-term vision for a healthier, more sustainable and resilient food system, outlining 10 priority outcomes across four themes, including healthier diets, sustainable production, resilient supply chains, and vibrant food cultures. While it contains no new policy announcements, it highlights ongoing workstreams and coordination through advisory bodies.

 **IGD summary of the Government's Good Food Cycle**

On 15 July, the Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD), in its role as co-Secretariat of the Food Strategy Advisory Board (FSAB), published a [summary of the England Food Strategy outcomes framework](#). The summary alludes to a publication due in 2026 which will set out more detail on how the proposed changes will be delivered. [Minutes of the FSAB meetings](#) can also be found on the IGD website.

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FSA PATH-SAFE webinar – 25 September

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) will host a webinar on the Pathogen Surveillance in Agriculture, Food and Environment (PATH-SAFE) programme on 25 September, from 12–1pm.

PATH-SAFE was a UK-wide, cross-government programme (2021–2025) aimed at piloting an improved national surveillance system for monitoring foodborne pathogens and antimicrobial resistance in the agri-food system. The webinar will highlight key outcomes, lessons learned, and future directions for cross-sector surveillance. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).



NFCU alert on adulterated saffron

On 11 July, the National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) of the FSA issued a [warning of adulterated saffron](#) entering the UK supply chain. The affected product, labelled as 100% pure saffron, was found to contain synthetic colours and does not meet grading information stated on the label. Businesses are advised to remain vigilant, review their supply chains, and report any suspicious activity to the NFCU.



FSA cell-cultivated products Business Support Service



On 30 June, the FSA and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) announced the launch of a new pilot service to support companies wishing to submit applications for [cell-cultivated products](#) to the UK market authorisation service.



Summary of responses to FSA consultation on HRFNAO

Also on 30 June, the FSA published the summary of responses to the consultation on amendments to assimilated [Regulation 2019/1793 on High-Risk Food Not of Animal Origin \(HRFNAO\)](#). The expectation is that this will be the last amendment to the Regulation, before alignment with EU import controls.



FSA issues acrylamide call for data

The FSA issued a call for acrylamide occurrence data on 30 July 2025. The call for data will last until 30 November 2025. Data can be submitted using the FSA template or the EFSA SSID2 form. FSA is co-ordinating a response on behalf of the snacks sector, and EUPPA and FDE have been alerted to the call. See [here](#) for more details.



ESA to participate in furan COST Action proposal

With the financial support of the Board of the European Snacks Association (ESA), the trade association will participate in the development of a proposal for a COST Action proposal for the process contaminant furan.

[COST Actions](#) are interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic of their choice for 4 years. COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions, and other relevant organisations or interested parties.



EC Q&A on phase-out measures for smoke flavourings

The European Commission (EC) has published a working document providing examples related to the [phase-out of smoke flavouring primary products in the EU](#), along with a Q&A section on transitional measures. This is a dynamic document and will be updated regularly to address new questions as they arise.



EU amendment to HRFNAO to come into force

The latest update to [Regulation No 2019/1793](#), which lists HRFNAO products to which specific import controls apply for entry into the EU (and Northern Ireland (NI)), comes into effect on 12 August. A full list of affected goods can be found on the [FSA website](#).



FAO/WHO guidance on risk assessment of food allergens – meeting summary and conclusions



The Ad hoc Joint Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Food Allergens has published the summary of its June 2025 meeting to discuss the [development of guidance for food allergen risk assessment](#), as requested by Codex. A detailed food allergen risk assessment framework will be published in the final report. A summary representation of the framework is included in the interim report.

Health and wellbeing

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POST report on public health inequalities and prevention

The UK Parliament's Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) has published a horizon scan report examining [public health inequalities and prevention](#). The report highlights diet as a key modifiable factor influencing long-term health outcomes, particularly in relation to obesity, and outlines opportunities for targeted policy interventions to improve access to healthy, affordable food and reduce preventable illness.



CAP guidance on health claims in food ads for influencer and health professionals

On 24 July, the Committee on Advertising Practice (CAP) published a news article reminding [influencers and health professionals that health claims in food ads](#) must comply with the CAP Code. Only authorised claims listed on the GB Nutrition and Health Claims (NHC) Register are permitted, and endorsements by individuals presenting as health professionals must not imply unauthorised health benefits. The ASA also highlighted recent rulings and offered practical tips to ensure compliance.



Health and Social Care Select Committee inquiry into food and weight management

On 17 July, the House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee launched an [inquiry into food and weight management](#), including obesity treatments.

The inquiry will investigate what public health interventions have been the most effective at reducing obesity and the consumption of Less Healthy Foods (LHF). Separately, the Committee is [inviting written evidence submissions](#) on a number of questions, including considerations on regulation, taxation and incentives, and future actions for the government and the food industry. The call for evidence closes on 28 August.



Consultation on brand advertising exemption published

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) launched its [consultation](#) on brand advertising exemption from advertising of LHF on 16 July.

This consultation solely seeks views on the wording of the [draft secondary legislation](#), to ensure it provides an explicit exemption for brand advertising from the advertising restrictions for LHF on TV and online. The consultation closes on 6 August.



UK Government 10-Year Health Plan for England

On 3 July, the UK Government published its new [10-Year Health Plan for England](#), titled 'Fit for the Future'.

While primarily focused on reforming the National Health Service, the plan introduces several measures that will significantly impact the food sector. These include mandatory health food sales reporting for large companies by the end of the Parliamentary term, future targets on the average healthiness of sales, and updates to the Nutrient Profile Model (NPM) and School Food Standards. The Plan also confirms the Government's intention to replace existing legislation on promotion restrictions of unhealthy food with outcome-focused regulation based on data reporting.



Wales implementation guidance on HFSS promotion restrictions published

The Welsh Government (WG) has published its [implementation guidance](#) to support [The Food \(Promotion and Presentation\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#), which will restrict promotions of foods high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) in Wales. As a reminder, the Regulations will come into force on 26 March 2026.



FSS Report on Eating Out in Scotland

On 8 July, FSS published a report analysing the [nutritional content of popular foods from independent Out of Home \(OOH\) businesses](#), including chips from chip shops. Many items were high in calories, saturated fat, sugar and salt, often exceeding daily recommendations. The report also found wide variation in portion sizes and raised concerns about the nutritional quality of children's meals. FSS will use the findings to support public health policy. The report was developed in collaboration with the NGO Nesta.



Proposed SG Good Food Nation Plan published

The Scottish Government (SG) has published its [proposed National Good Food Nation Plan](#) and laid it before the Scottish Parliament (SP). The high-level plan sets out six outcomes covering diet, sustainability, health and the economy. SP Committees are [seeking stakeholder views](#) until 15 August, with scrutiny expected in September. The final plan is due by the end of 2025 and will be reviewed every two years. Local authorities and health boards must produce their own plans, aligned with the national framework.



Nesta report on the economic costs of obesity and overweight

On 2 July, the NGO Nesta published a report titled '[The economic and productivity costs of obesity and overweight in the UK](#)', estimating that obesity and excess weight costs the UK economy around £31 billion a year in lower productivity. The report highlights that obesity-related costs are likely to continue to rise over the next decade and welcomes the UK Government's plans to introduce a healthy food standard and health targets for supermarkets as part of its 10-year Health Plan.



US agencies seek input on ultra-processed foods



On 25 July, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Department of Agriculture (USDA) jointly issued a call for information to support the development of a uniform [definition of Ultra-Processed Foods \(UPFs\)](#). The initiative aims to improve consistency in research and policy, helping to address health concerns linked to UPF consumption. The call for information closes on 23 September.



Brazilian Senate considers cancer warning labels for UPF

Brazilian Senator Dr. Eudócia (PL-AL) has introduced [Bill No. 2,722/2025](#), which proposes mandatory front-of-pack warning labels on UPF products sold in Brazil, stating ‘high carcinogenic potential’. The bill is undergoing scrutiny by the Brazilian Senate, and includes enforcement mechanisms aligned with existing consumer protection legislation. Although the bill acknowledges the absence of a formal legal definition for UPF, it characterises them as items typically containing more than five ingredients, including substances not commonly used in home cooking.

Food labelling and composition

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Animal Sentience Committee comments on food labelling policy

On 22 July, the Animal Sentience Committee (ASC) published a letter to Defra expressing concern that recent and ongoing trade negotiations may hinder the development of meaningful [animal welfare labelling](#). The Committee emphasised that labelling schemes must reflect the full range of welfare conditions in food production, including imports, and warned that trade deals could limit the UK’s ability to set higher standards. It urged Defra to ensure that animal welfare remains a central consideration in labelling policy and that any scheme is underpinned by robust evidence and transparency.



Irish advice on UK Fortified Flour

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) has published a new [Q&A document](#) addressing the upcoming UK requirement to fortify non-wholemeal wheat flour with folic acid from December 2026.

The resource outlines what this means for Irish consumers and food businesses, particularly given Ireland’s reliance on UK flour imports. The Q&A provides clarity on labelling, implementation timelines, and the FSAI position on safety.



European Commission refers France to ECJ over TRIMAN logo

The EC has formally referred France to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) over its mandatory TRIMAN logo requirement on packaging. The EC concluded that France has failed to address the breach of EU law identified in 2023, citing the logo as a disproportionate barrier to the free movement of goods within the Single Market. The case now enters the judicial phase, expected to last 12–18 months. In the meantime, the TRIMAN decree remains in force and must still be followed by businesses.

Environment and sustainability

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LED4Food footprinting methodology published

On 25 July, Defra published a recommended best practice [methodology for product-level greenhouse gas \(GHG\) footprinting](#) in the agri-food sector. This is a key milestone for the [Food Data Transparency Partnership](#) (FDTP). The report reviews existing standards and provides detailed recommendations for lifecycle assessment (LCA) practitioners and sustainability professionals. Defra and WRAP are inviting industry to test the methodology from September 2025.



PackUK Senior Team Update

On 23 July, [PackUK announced the appointment](#) of Jeremy Blake as Chief Executive Officer and Esther Carter as Chief Strategy Officer of PackUK, the scheme administrator for Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging (pEPR). Both bring extensive experience from across the packaging value chain and will lead the implementation and continuous improvement of the scheme across the UK.



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Call for evidence on the role of the private sector in nature recovery

Defra has launched a [call for evidence](#) to explore how best to support and incentivise private sector investment in nature recovery across England. Key areas of focus include clean water, nature-based carbon reduction, access to nature, flood management, sustainable land use and global nature recovery. The call for evidence closes on 7 August.



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UK statistics on waste

On 23 July, Defra released updated figures on [UK waste generation](#), treatment, and recycling. The provisional UK recycling rate for waste from households in 2023 was 44.6%, up from 44.1% in 2022. The recycling rate for England was 44.0%, while rates in the devolved administrations were 50.2% in NI, 42.1% in Scotland, and 57.0% in Wales. The UK generated 191.2 million tonnes of total waste in 2020, with England accounting for 85% of that total.



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Consolidated guidance on pEPR

On 11 July, Defra published a new [collections page on pEPR](#), consolidating all existing Defra guidance on pEPR including reporting obligations, fees, recyclability assessments and data templates.



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Clarification on pEPR Plastic Reporting

Defra has published a new clarification statement on [reporting of plastic subcategories under pEPR](#), confirming that large producers supplying plastic household and public bin packaging must report data under the subcategories 'rigid' or 'flexible plastic' in their H1 2025 data reporting by 1 October. This is separate requirement from reporting Recyclability Assessment Methodology (RAM) data. The requirement is set out in [Regulation 7\(11-16\) of the 2024 pEPR Regulations](#), with updated guidance expected soon.



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July Joint Stakeholder Engagement Forum on Circular Economy

On 7 July, Defra held its latest [Joint Stakeholder Engagement Forum](#). The agenda included updates on [Simpler Recycling in England](#), [PackUK](#) and [Environment Agency \(EA\)](#) updates. Other 2025 events will be held on the following dates:

- 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](#)



Modulated fees for pEPR

On 30 June, PackUK published the confirmed [2025 material base fees](#) for pEPR.

On the same day, they also published the [Modulation Policy Statement](#), outlining how fees will be adjusted from 2026 onwards to incentivise the use of more recyclable packaging. A recording of the base fees webinar held on 10 July can be viewed [here](#).



PackUK updates 2025 recyclability assessment guidance

On 27 June, PackUK published new [guidance on recyclability assessment requirements under the PackUK scheme](#). In response to industry concerns about the time and resources needed to meet 2025 obligations, UK regulators have issued temporary regulatory position statements. These allow producers to rely on their second-half 2025 (H2) assessments to meet requirements for the full year. However, all other reporting duties, including separate reporting for flexible and rigid plastics, remain unchanged.



PackUK Interim Strategy

On 27 June, [PackUK published its Interim Strategy](#), outlining short-term delivery plans for the pEPR scheme. Developed in collaboration with the UK's four nations, the strategy sets out PackUK's regulatory duties and strategic goals ahead of a full, long-term strategy due later in 2025.

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Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier applications to open in September

On 22 July, Defra announced that applications for the improved [Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier \(CSHT\) scheme](#) will open in September for those who were previously invited to apply and completed any preparatory work. The scheme offers funding to farmers and land managers for managing land in ways that protect, restore or enhance the environment, while also helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.



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Guidance on Farming Rules for Water updated

On 18 July, Defra and the EA updated their guidance on '[How to comply with the Farming Rules for Water](#)'. The document has been restructured with further guidance on how to comply with the regulations.





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Update to summary of potato seed applications 2025

On 10 July, Defra and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) published a [2025 updated summary of applications for seed potato varieties](#) under the Seed Potato Classification Scheme (SPCS).



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Capital Grants offer re-opens

On 3 July, Defra re-opened its [Capital Grants offer](#) under the Government's Plan for Change, making £150 million available for equipment and services to support farming and environmental improvements in England. The round will close once funding is allocated, with further improvements planned ahead of a new round in 2026.



Environment
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National Framework for Water Resources 2025 summary

The [National Drought Group](#) is stepping up its operational response and asking people to play their part in managing drought and use water wisely. EA teams are monitoring river levels, working with the water sector and supporting farmers. Please [report any environmental issues](#) to the EA.



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Agriculture in the UK 2024 report

On 18 July, Defra published its annual '[Agriculture in the United Kingdom 2024](#)' report. The 2024 edition shows a 1.5% fall in the UK's utilised agricultural area, despite a slight increase in croppable land. Farm Business Income dropped in 2023/24 but is forecast to recover in 2024/25, supported by easing input costs and steady output prices. Total Income from Farming rose by 26% to £7.7 billion, driven by stronger livestock output and lower costs. Notably, potatoes made the largest upward contribution to agricultural output inflation, adding 1.6 percentage points.



Virus working group established

An action from the 2025 National Virus Forum was for GB Potatoes to investigate funding and then establish a small technical working group (TWG) to enhance the resilience of the industry against both persistent and non-persistent potato viruses through the development of strategic interventions and a targeted knowledge exchange programme.

That funding has now been secured and the first meeting of the TWG was held in June where a small number of technical and industry experts met under the Chairmanship of Adrian Fox (Fera) to set the wheels in motion to achieve the remit of the group.

The group will make recommendations to the national Virus forum in February 2026, this year being held in Scotland, kindly hosted by The James Hutton Institute, Dundee.



Review of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones Action Programme

The SG has opened a consultation on its review of the Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

SG is reviewing the measures in the current Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZ) Action Programme to evaluate whether they remain sufficient to achieve the aims of the Nitrates Directive. NVZ are where nitrate concentrations in water have reached or are approaching 50 milligrams per litre. In Scotland 10% of the land is designated as NVZ. The consultation closes on 13 October 2025. For more details see [here](#).

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CIPC Residue Monitoring Group meets Year 2 target

Adrian Cunnington, Chair of the CIPC Residue Monitoring Group, has confirmed that the Group has met its target of 125 data points from residue monitoring tests undertaken in 2024/25. This means the Group will be able to submit its year 2 report to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in September without a repeat of the first year's shortfall on sample numbers.

PPA has also now stepped aside from the Secretariat role after two years, handing over to Graham Bannister of GB Potatoes. PPA will remain on the Group as a key contributor to its work, including the initial 'seed' funding that established the CRMG.



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Pesticide Residues Report – Annual Summary 2023

On 2 July, Defra and the HSE published their [2023 annual report on pesticide residues in food](#). The report confirms that the vast majority of food samples tested across the UK complied with Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs). A small number of non-compliant results triggered follow-up actions. Sampling focused on both domestic and imported produce, with findings supporting ongoing monitoring and enforcement by authorities.



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Pesticides EU Relations Project working Group

Defra has established a new group to provide technical advice and expertise to government regarding the new UK-EU Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary agreement under negotiation, to ensure effective implementation.

The group includes representatives from Defra, the Devolved Governments, HSE, and the following sectors: manufacturing, agronomy, food and drink, amenity, and farming / growing. The potato processing sector is represented by Alex Godfrey, Chair of GB Potatoes, and via Olayemi Fashesin-Souza at FDF. A first meeting took place on 25 July.



Draft guidance for the generation and evaluation of data on PPPs

The EC is currently consulting on the updated draft Guidance for the generation and evaluation of data on the physical, chemical and technical properties of Plant Protection Products (PPPs) under Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009. A copy of the draft guidance is available to PPA members upon request. The consultation closes on 4 September.



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

On 25 July the EC published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1489](#). The new Regulation amends Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 by extending the approval periods for the active substances *ametoctradin*, *Beauveria bassiana* strains ATCC 74040 and GHA, *buprofezin*, *clodinafop*, *copper compounds*, *cyflumetofen*, *daminozide*, *flupyradifurone*, *Helicoverpa armigera* nucleopolyhedrovirus, *mandestrobin*, *mandipropamid*, *metam*, *pyraclostrobin*, *rescalure*, *Spodoptera littoralis* nucleopolyhedrovirus, *Streptomyces lydicus* strain WYEC 108, *Trichoderma asperellum* strain T34 and *Trichoderma atroviride* strain I-1237.

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



JMPR Pesticides residues in food 2024 report published

The Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) Secretariat published its report of JMPR’s 2024 meeting titled ‘[Pesticide residues in food: Report 2024](#)’. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the safety of residues from certain pesticides. The meeting evaluated 37 pesticides, including seven new compounds and seven compounds that were re-evaluated within the periodic review programme of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), for residues and/or toxicity.

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Government
Office for Science

Future of Global Supply Chains

On 15 July, the Government Office for Science published a notice from its cross-government ‘[Future of Global Supply Chains](#)’ foresight project. The initiative will explore long-term risks and uncertainties facing global supply chains, particularly environmental and geopolitical factors, and present four plausible scenarios for how global trade could evolve by 2040. The project aims to support strategic planning by stress-testing case study supply chains and modelling the impact of future shocks to improve resilience and safeguard critical imports.

GCA Annual Conference returns this September



Groceries Code Adjudicator

The [2025 Groceries Code Adjudicator \(GCA\) Annual Conference](#) will take place on 30 September. The event will bring together the UK’s 14 largest retailers, suppliers and industry experts to discuss sector developments, current challenges, and future priorities. A session led by YouGov will also explore findings from the GCA’s 2025 annual survey. The conference is free to attend, with options to join online or in person in Central London



Corporate Fraud Offence from September 2025

From 1 September, large UK companies may face criminal charges if they fail to prevent fraud committed by associated individuals for the organisation’s benefit. This new offence, introduced under the [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023](#), applies to businesses meeting at least two of the following: over 250 employees, £36M+ turnover, or £18M+ in assets.

To comply, companies must assess fraud risks, implement proportionate controls, train staff, and regularly update procedures. Non-compliance could result in unlimited fines and reputational damage.

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Foot and Mouth Disease Control Strategy

On 24 July, Defra published a new [control strategy for Foot and Mouth Disease in Great Britain](#) (GB). The strategy outlines the UK Government’s approach to preventing, responding to, and recovering from outbreaks, with a focus on early detection, rapid response, and effective containment. It also highlights the importance of collaboration across government, industry and veterinary services to minimise disruption and economic impact.

On the same day Defra issued a [warning](#) to UK holidaymakers not to bring meat or dairy products back from Europe.



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Import of Composite Products for Human Consumption



Animal &
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Agency

On 18 July, Defra and APHA updated Import Information Note (IIN CP/1) on [composite products for human consumption](#). The guidance outlines import conditions for products containing both processed animal and plant ingredients. The amended guidance includes new information on country of origin to clarify the rules for composite product ingredients, information on how to check heat treatment requirements for milk products and examples to show when ingredients originating from different countries can be used in a composite product.



Department for
Business & Trade

Expressions of interest – agri-tech trade mission to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) is inviting expressions of interest for an [agri-tech trade mission to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#), taking place from 19–23 October 2025. The mission is aimed at UK businesses specialising in precision agri-tech technologies, including irrigation and water management, controlled environment agriculture, robotics and automation, circular economy solutions, advanced sensors, and AI and data systems such as satellite mapping. The visit will coincide with the Saudi Agriculture Exhibition, the region’s largest B2B agriculture event. Interested companies must submit their expression of interest by 5 August.



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NIRMS Phase 3 from 1 July

From 1 July, additional products moving from GB to NI under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) must be individually labelled with ‘Not for EU’. This includes composite products that are not shelf stable or require sanitary and phytosanitary controls, such as pizza. More information is available from the [gov.uk website](#).



EC recommendations on UK/EU SPS

On 16 July, the EC issued a recommendation to authorise the launch of negotiations for a [Sanitary and Phytosanitary \(SPS\) trade agreement between the UK and the EU](#). The document provides further detail on the proposed agreement’s scope and intended application.



New US Tariffs announced

On 12 July, US President Trump sent a formal letter to the EC President Ursula von der Leyen announcing the implementation of new US tariffs targeting EU exports. A 30% tariff will be imposed on EU products entering the US, effective 1 August.



EU countermeasures against US

Following the meeting of EU Ministers at Foreign Affairs Council (Trade), the EU has extended the suspension of its first package of countermeasures until 6 August, to allow more time for negotiations. In the meantime, the EC presented its updated second package of countermeasures to EU Member States now under revision.



EU Regulation on temporary measures on Egyptian potatoes

On 3 July, the EC published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1289](#) of 2 July 2025, which sets out temporary measures for import of Egyptian potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.), other than those intended for planting, to prevent the introduction of *Ralstonia solanacearum* into the EU. The Regulation amends Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 and repeals Implementing Decision 2011/787/EU.



RUCIP Standards update

The Rules & Standards for Inter-European trade in Potatoes ([RUCIP](#)) is a set of voluntary standards for trade in potatoes and an associated arbitration committee. Parties may agree to apply the RUCIP Rules as part of their potato supply contracts and utilise the arbitration services in cases of disputes. RUCIP is not restricted to European Union countries, and UK has historically been involved via the British Potato Trade Association (BPTA, Gerard Croft) being involved as an arbitrator/expert.

The RUCIP 2025 standards have now been updated and on 1 September a press release will be published to address the main changes. The new rules will officially come into force on 1 October and guidelines produced in the second half of 2025.

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Potato Europe 2025

The next edition of PotatoEurope will take place on 3–4 September at Wageningen University & Research's (WUR) Field Crops site in Lelystad, the Netherlands. The event will bring together a wide range of exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services, offering an excellent opportunity for networking and connecting with industry leaders.

Please visit the [PotatoEurope website](#) for more information and to register for the event.



GB Potatoes launches programme for new entrants

GB Potatoes, in partnership with the BPTA, has launched a new initiative to support the skills and knowledge development of future growers, leaders and industry experts. Supporting individuals from seed production to the end of the supply chain, the Potato Industry Development Programme is designed for new entrants to gain a comprehensive understanding of the sector, while building valuable networks and collaborations.

A discount is being offered to members of GB Potatoes to join this exciting new programme. You can find more details at <https://www.gb-potatoes.co.uk/news/> where you can find a link to fill in an application form. Places are limited for the programme which kicks off in February 2026 and the closing date for applications is 12 September 2025.



FDF Regulatory Updates webinar

The Food and Drink Federation (FDF) held its Regulatory Updates webinar on 1 July, covering the latest labelling and food safety policy updates. The [recording](#) is now available for FDF members.



IGD Future of the Food System conference – 1 October

On 1 October the IGD will run a one-day conference titled '*Future of the UK Food System*' at The Brewery, London, from 8:30-17:30.

The event will bring together industry leaders to explore strategies for building a more sustainable, resilient and thriving food system. Sessions will focus on innovation, collaboration, and the role of policy in shaping the future of food in the UK. For more information and to register for the event, please visit the [IGD website](#).



10-year anniversary of ESA’s Share a Snack

The ESA secretariat successfully celebrated the [10th anniversary of the ‘Share a Snack’](#) event end of June in the crowded Place du Luxembourg near to the European Parliament in Brussels. Share a Snack’ is a unique occasion to engage with visitors, specifically assistants of Members of the European Parliament, to raise awareness about savoury snacks and debunk myths often associated with savour snack products.



ESA to participate to a new European research project on marketing strategies and food choices

ESA Director General, Sebastian Emig, has joined the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of a new research project carried out by the [European Food Council Information](#) (EUFIC) called ‘Infoodmation’. ‘Infoodmation’ is a three-year [Horizon Europe](#) project (2025-2027) that aims to explore how media and marketing strategies from 3 key actors (governments, private sector and civil society) influence food choices, and to promote better communication practices that empower consumers to make healthier and more sustainable decisions.

PPA committee meeting dates 2025

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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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Historic PPA circulars from 2022 onwards are also stored online via the ‘SLACK’ system. If you would like access to this system, please inform the secretariat and we will grant you access to the system.

Food Law and Consumer Committee (FLC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
03-Jul	EU Regulation on temporary measures for import of Egyptian potatoes to prevent the introduction of <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>	204/25
03-Jul	Fit for the Future' - UK Government 10-Year Health Plan for England published	205/25
04-Jul	Update on Mancozeb - UPL Europe and Indofil Industries v Commission (T-742/20 RENV)	206/25
04-Jul	Slides and action list from FLC meeting 1 July 2025	207/25
07-Jul	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 27 2025	208/25
07-Jul	FDI draft response to WG consultation on Healthy Eating in Schools	209/25
07-Jul	Media Monitoring: PPA Media Monitoring Annual Summary - H1 2025	210/25
07-Jul	JECFA 100th meeting (Safety evaluation of certain food additives)	211/25
07-Jul	JRC Consultation for potential criteria for sustainable public procurement for food, food services, and vending machines	212/25
08-Jul	Draft minutes from the PVC meeting, 2 July 2025	213/25
08-Jul	FDI Scotland summary of proposed SG Good Food Nation Plan	214/25

10-Jul	Confirmation on salt contribution from crisps and snacks from OHID report on food purchases (follow-up FLC 1 July)	215/25
10-Jul	WG implementation guidance on HFSS promotion restrictions published	216/25
10-Jul	Nutrition and Health tracker (Jul.25 update)	217/25
11-Jul	Agenda for Commission's Working Group on Agricultural Contaminants, 17 July 2025	218/25
11-Jul	Annual Acrylamide Data Collection activity - processed nuts	219/25
14-Jul	PPWR: Key Messages on Annex V – Single-use plastic grouped packaging	220/25
14-Jul	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 28 2025	221/25
15-Jul	EFSA review of Maleic Hydrazide	222/25
15-Jul	England Food Strategy outcomes framework: Towards a Good Food Cycle	223/25
16-Jul	DHSC consultation on brand advertising exemption from LHF advertising restrictions launched	224/25
17-Jul	Health and Social Care Committee launches new obesity enquiry	225/25
21-Jul	FSAI (Ireland) letter and Q&A on UK fortified flour	226/25
21-Jul	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 29 2025	227/25
24-Jul	Defra pesticides working group (UK/EU SPS agreement)	228/25
24-Jul	EC Implementing Reg. amending Implementing Reg. (EU) 2025/1441 on the temporary increase of official controls & emergency measures (12th amendment)	229/25
28-Jul	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 30 2025	230/25
28-Jul	Regulation extending the EU approval periods for a number of active substances	231/25
28-Jul	UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) to launch call for acrylamide data on 30 July 2025	232/25
29-Jul	FDF response to WG consultation on Healthy Eating in Schools	233/25
29-Jul	DRAFT PPA response to DHSC consultation on brand advertising exemption from LHF advertising restrictions	234/25
29-Jul	Updated ESA process contaminants issues tracker	235/25
29-Jul	Smoke Flavourings EU: Q&A on transitional measures published	236/25
30-Jul	FSA call for acrylamide data published	237/25
30-Jul	FAO/WHO review on allergens - recommendations on food allergen risk assessment	238/25
30-Jul	DRAFT Guidance on managing AA in sliced vegetable crisps	239/25
31-Jul	Monthly digest of EU legislation (July 2025)	240/25
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31-Jul	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: July 2025	242/25

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04-Jul	Water update	136/25
04-Jul	Europatat webinar on Late blight	137/25
07-Jul	PPA Media Monitoring 6-month summary - H1 2025	138/25
08-Jul	Draft minutes from the PVC meeting, 2 July 2025	139/25
08-Jul	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 26 June 2025	140/25
08-Jul	EUPPA Agricultural Committee and Stolbur Presentation	141/25

10-Jul	Red Tractor Fresh Produce Technical Advisory Committee meeting, 10 June 2025	142/25
10-Jul	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 10 July 2025	143/25
11-Jul	Updated RUCIP standard	144/25
14-Jul	Draft mancozeb letter	145/25
15-Jul	Minutes of the NSP meeting, 3 July 2025	146/25
15-Jul	EFSA review of Maleic Hydrazide	147/25
15-Jul	UKIA Summer newsletter	148/25
15-Jul	England Food Strategy outcomes framework: Towards a Good Food Cycle	149/25
16-Jul	Rolling reporting survey for the official Pesticide Residues in Food Monitoring Programme - April 2025 data	150/25
17-Jul	High-level roundtable on seed potatoes	151/25
17-Jul	Latest British survey of fertiliser practice report	152/25
18-Jul	Updated draft mancozeb letter	153/25
22-Jul	Draft letter to SoS on status of mancozeb – PPA intention to not co-sign	154/25
24-Jul	Defra pesticides working group (UK/EU SPS agreement)	155/25
28-Jul	EU Regulation extending authorisations	156/25
28-Jul	UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) to launch call for acrylamide data on 30 July 2025	157/25
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29-Jul	NSP press release - Pre-harvest checks encouraged to potato growers following dry conditions	159/25
29-Jul	Corrigendum Updated RUCIP standard	160/25
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Upcoming events

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1 August 2025	FDF webinar: State of Industry, online
5 August 2025	CUPGRA Field Day 2, Cambridge
5 August 2025	FDF/Ricardo webinar: A roadmap for nature restoration: Nature reporting for food & drink businesses, online
7 August 2025	Potatoes in Practice 2025, Dundee
21 August 2025	IGD Health and Sustainability webinar, online
26 August 2025	FDF/Ramboll webinar: Climate Risks and Opportunities: What are they and how exposed is my company?, online
2 September 2025	PSI Potato Storage Management course, Rutland
2 September 2025	Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online
3-4 September 2025	Potato Europe, Lelystad, The Netherlands
11 September 2025	FDF Awards 2025, London
22 September 2025	IFST/FAN webinar: Two Decades of Detecting and Preventing Food Fraud: 2015 – 2035, online
25 September 2025	FSA Food for Thought webinar: The Pathogen Surveillance in Agriculture, Food and Environment (PATH-SAFE) programme, online
30 September 2025	2025 Groceries Code Adjudicator Conference, London and online
1 October 2025	IGD conference: The Future of the UK Food System, London
7 October 2025	IFST Autumn Conference 2025, Nottingham
7 October 2025	Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online

4 November 2025	Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online
9-5 November 2025	Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany
19-20 November 2025	British Potato 2025, Harrogate, Yorkshire
2 December 2025	FDF Regulatory Update webinar, online
2 December 2025	Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online
9 December 2025	CUPGRA Conference, Cambridge
30 Mar-1 Apr 2026	IFE 2026, London

Industry meetings

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12 August 2025	IFST Food Regulatory SIG Committee meeting, online
14 August 2025	FSA Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG) meeting, online
15 August 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST action call, online
21 August 2025	Potato Stakeholders Fortnightly Call, online
15 August 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST action call, online
19 August 2025	CIPC Residues Management Group meeting, online
29 August 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

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

[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 15 July 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to NI](#) (last updated 4 July 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 10 July 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 16 July 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 1 July 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 24 July 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 10 July 2025)

[Defra/APHA Guidance: Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues](#) (last updated 24 July 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 10 July 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 18 July 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 Collection: Extended producer responsibility for packaging](#) (first published 11 July 2025)

[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

Water

[EA: Water situation reports for England](#) (last updated 28 July 2025)

Current consultations

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DBT: [Consultation on Groceries Code Adjudicator \(GCA\) statutory review 2022-2025](#) (close 5 August 2025)

DHSC: [Consultation on brand advertising exemption from advertising restrictions for less healthy food or drink](#) (close 6 August 2025)

SP: [Local Government, Housing and Planning, and the Health, Social Care and Sport Committees call for views on Proposed SG Good Food Nation Plan](#) (close 15 August 2025)

Health and Social Care Select Committee: [Inquiry into food and weight management, including obesity treatments](#) (closes 28 August 2025)

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

EC: [Consultation on draft Guidance for the generation and evaluation of data on the physical, chemical and technical properties of Plant Protection Products \(PPPs\) under Regulation \(EC\) No. 1107/2009](#) (close 4 September 2025)

DESNZ: [Consultation on Climate-related transition plan requirements](#) (close 17 September 2025)

DBT: [Exposure Draft of UK Sustainability Reporting Standards: UK SRS S1 and UK SRS S2](#) (close 17 September 2025)

DBT: [Assurance of sustainability reporting](#) (close 17 September 2025)

SG: [Draft Environment Strategy](#) (closes 29 September 2025)

SG: [Review of the Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones \(Scotland\) Regulations 2008](#) (close 13 October 2025)

FSA/FSS: [Acrylamide Call for data](#) (30 November 2025)

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