

Newsletter – September 2025

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Ministerial reshuffle

Following Angela Rayner MP’s resignation as Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the UK Government has announced a series of [ministerial changes](#).

Steve Reed MP has left the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) to become Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. He is succeeded by Emma Reynolds as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Daniel Zeichner MP has also left the Government and has been replaced by Dame Angela Eagle.



Independent review of the Windsor Framework published

On 4 September, the UK Government published the [Independent Review of the Windsor Framework](#), led by the Rt Hon Lord Murphy of Torfaen.

Commissioned following the Northern Ireland (NI) Assembly’s 2024 consent vote, the Review assesses the Framework’s impact on politics, trade, and democratic representation. It highlights concerns around the ‘democratic deficit’, business burdens, and cross-community support.

Recommendations include improving scrutiny mechanisms, streamlining guidance for businesses, and enhancing stakeholder engagement in UK–EU forums. The Government is expected to respond formally within six months.



European Commission State of the Union address

On 10 September, the President of the European Commission (EC), Ursula von der Leyen, delivered the annual [State of the Union address](#) during the European Parliament (EP) Plenary session.

The speech highlighted the European Union's current priorities, upcoming initiatives and reviewed the Commission's recent work. An accompanying [overview document](#) was also published, reflecting the key themes presented in the address.

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Progress report on UK Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plan

On 24 September, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), alongside Defra and the devolved administrations, published the first annual progress report on the UK's [2024-2029 Antimicrobial Resistance National Action Plan](#).



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The report outlines activity across human health, animal health, agriculture, and the environment, and highlights antimicrobial resistance as a chronic risk to public health, food security, and the economy.



Launch of market authorisation innovation research programme



On 23 September, the Food Standards Agency (FSA), in collaboration with Food Standards Scotland (FSS), launched the market authorisation innovation research programme.

This includes a new [innovative food guidance hub](#) and a [business support service pilot](#) for precision fermentation products. The hub builds on existing guidance for novel foods, while the pilot extends support previously introduced for [cell-cultivated products](#).



September FSA Board meeting

The FSA Board held its latest [Board meeting](#) on 17 September. Although there were no new policy announcements, several key updates were discussed, including the rollout of the Food Standards Delivery Model in England and NI and implementation plans for Wales, along [local authority performance updates](#).

Other topics discussed include delays to the introduction of border checks on animals from the EU and certain products Republic of Ireland ahead of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) deal with the EU, food-borne disease thresholds, CBD authorisation and others. A recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).



FSA consultation on controls of grey market goods in the UK

On 21 August, the FSA published a [consultation inviting feedback on enforcement guidance for 'Grey Market' goods](#), e.g. imported foods that do not comply with UK food law.

The [guidance](#) outlines steps enforcement authorities can take when identifying and regulating such products, which may contain unauthorised additives or fail to meet allergen labelling requirements. The consultation, open until 24 October, is primarily aimed at Trading Standards officers, Environmental Health officers, and Port Health authorities, but other stakeholders can also input.



FSA Food surveillance programme

On 20 August, the FSA published details of the [Food Surveillance Programme 2025-2026](#), building on the Pathogen Surveillance in Agriculture, Food and the Environment (PATH-SAFE) initiative. The programme aims to improve real-time detection of foodborne pathogens, develop rapid diagnostic tools, and enhance data-sharing platforms. It supports a cross-government 'One Health' approach and will inform future food safety policy.



EC call for evidence on the upcoming food and feed safety simplification omnibus

The EC has published the [call for evidence](#) on the upcoming Food and Feed Safety Simplification Omnibus. This initiative aims to increase the competitiveness of EU farmers and the food and feed industry and reduce the administrative burden on Member States authorities related to marketing authorisations of product. The call for evidence closes on 14 October.



Government Chemist

Government Chemist Food and Feed Legislation updates

The Government Chemist has published its latest report summarising updates to UK legislation in food and feed law, from [1 April – 30 June 2025](#). The updates include UK and EU legislation, and other technical publications, such as FAQs, which might be of interest.

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LHF industry agreement goes live on 1 October

On 1 October the [industry agreement](#) to implement new rules on ads for identifiable Less Healthy Food (LHF) products goes live. PPA will continue to support and amplify the campaign's message and will continue to work with the Advertising Association (AA) in the run up to the 5 January 2026, when the legal requirements apply. Helpful resources, including industry guidance and an FAQs document, are available from the [members-only PPA website](#).

CLEARCAST

Clearcast guidance on LHF broadcast advertising

Clearcast, the clearance body for broadcast advertising, has also published specific guidance [for clearance of broadcast ads](#) for identifiable LHF.



IGD Publishes Framework for Population Diet Change

On 26 September, the Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) published a new framework to support population-level dietary change. Titled '[Framework for population diet change](#)', the report outlines practical steps for businesses and stakeholders to help shift consumer behaviour towards healthier and more sustainable eating patterns. The IGD will hold a launch webinar on the new 7 Lever Framework on 11 November, from 14:00-15:00. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Northern Ireland Diet and Nutrition Survey Published

On 24 September, the FSA, the NI Department of Health, and Safefood published the [NI National Diet and Nutrition Survey report](#), covering the years 2017 to 2023. The findings show low intake of fruit, vegetables, and fibre across all age groups, with high consumption of sugar, saturated fat, red meat, and chips and fried foods, particularly among 11- to 18-year-olds.



CAP/BCAP consultation on implementation guidance on LHF advertising restrictions

On 18 September, the Committees on Advertising Practice (CAP/BCAP) published their latest [consultation](#) on the draft guidance on implementation of new rules on ads for LHF products. The guidance is intended to support advertisers/industry in developing advertising content and will also outline the criteria the ASA will use to assess complaints about adverts once it begins its enforcement role on 5 January 2026. The consultation closes on 9 October.



CAP guidance on sugar-related claims misleading in food ads

On 11 September, CAP published a [news article on how sugar-related nutrition claims](#) should be used in food advertising. The document outlines conditions under which nutrition claims such as ‘no added sugar’ and ‘naturally sweet’ may be used, referencing the Great Britain (GB) Nutrition and Health Claims (NHC) Register.



DHSC response to consultation on brand advertising exemption from LHF advertising restrictions and final Regulation published

On 10 September, the DHSC published its [response to the consultation on brand advertising exemption](#) from advertising restrictions of LHF products. The legislation ([The Advertising \(Less Healthy Food and Drink\) \(Brand Advertising Exemption\) Regulations 2025](#)) was also been published on the same day, alongside the [Explanatory Memorandum](#).



Study on impact of HFSS promotion restrictions in England

At the end of August, researchers from the University of Leeds, in collaboration with the IGD and four major retailers, published a [new study showing that legislation restricting the placement of food and drink high in fat, sugar and salt \(HFSS\)](#) in English supermarkets has led to a significant drop in sales, with an estimated two million fewer items sold per day.

The study, which analysed data from major retailers and surveyed nearly 2,000 shoppers, found the impact was equitable across different neighbourhoods and largely unnoticed by consumers, yet effective in shifting purchasing behaviour. While the legislation is seen as a positive step, researchers recommend further action, including stronger regulation, clearer guidance, and improved affordability of healthier options to support long-term dietary change.



New BRC guidance on products in and out of LHF advertising restrictions

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) has published new guidance on products in and out of scope of the UK-wide on [advertising restrictions of LHF products](#).

The document reflects the categories established in the legislation and DHSC [implementation guidance](#), but contains additional examples and commentary.



ASA industry summit 2025

The ASA has announced a free online industry summit, [Protecting Children Online: The Advertising Challenge](#) will be held on 18 November at 10.30am. Through event will explore current and emerging advertising related risks to children online, the role responsible advertising plays in shaping a safer online environment for young audiences, the risks, opportunities, and responsibilities facing advertisers and how the industry can collaborate to create a safer online advertising environment.

Please register on Zoom [via this link](#).



NGO letter to EC on HFSS foods

On 26 September, a coalition of EU public health NGOs sent a [letter to Commissioner Varhelyi pushing for regulatory measures to restrict access and availability of HFSS foods](#).

The letter calls on the EC to ensure that the EU Plan for Cardiovascular Health contains commitments for the EU and EU Member States to, amongst others, incentivise reformulation, establish nutrient profiles and introduce mandatory, harmonised front of pack nutrition labelling.



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WHO report 'Saving lives, spending less'

On 18 September, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report titled '[Saving lives, spending less](#)', highlighting the economic and health benefits of tackling non-communicable diseases through proven interventions. It focusses on taxing sugar-sweetened beverages and Ultra-Processed Foods (UPF), alongside nutrition policies such as reformulation, front-of-pack labelling, and marketing restrictions, using case studies from the UK, Mexico, and Colombia. The WHO also warns of industry influence, urging governments to prioritise public health over corporate interests.



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WHO Europe policy brief on food taxes for a healthy diet

The WHO Regional Office for Europe has released a [policy brief on food taxes](#), developed with the Centre for Health Economics & Policy Innovation at Imperial College Business School. It outlines principles for effective fiscal policy, including using nutrient profile models, aligning existing taxes with health goals, and subsidising healthy foods. The brief also highlights the need for strong implementation, monitoring, and transparency to counter industry opposition and ensure lasting public health impact.



California Bill targets UPF in schools

On 12 September, the California State Legislature approved Assembly Bill 1264, which sets out plans to [restrict the sale of UPFs in schools](#). The bill defines UPFs and summarises existing California laws on school food. See also [legislative analysis](#).

Food labelling and composition

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FDF label changes explainer

On 26 August, the FDF has published a new [explainer document on the UK Label Change Process](#) to help explain the complexities of the label change process to government officials. It outlines the complexities of the label change process carried out by UK food manufacturers when food information to consumer law is changed, highlighting typical cost and resource implications, and includes a series of key asks of government on what food manufacturers want from food labelling policy.



FSA guidance on health and ID marks updated

On 4 September, the FSA updated [its Guidance on Health and Identification \(ID\) Marks](#), which must be applied to products of animal origin (POAO) such as meat, egg products, fish, cheese and milk.



ESA revised position on digital labelling

The European Snacks Association (ESA) has updated its [position on digital labelling](#) in response to growing demands from consumers and regulators for greater product transparency.

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CITES reform proposals

On 11 September, Defra launched a [consultation on proposed regulatory reforms to the 'CITES'](#) (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) implementing framework in the UK.

The consultation seeks views on a wide-ranging package of reforms including improving the clarity, effectiveness and efficiency of CITES implementation in the UK, updating the associated fees and charges framework and finalising the statutory guidance on the use of civil sanctions. The consultation closes on 23 October.

Defra will be running a drop-in session on [16 October](#) to support interested stakeholders.



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Register of packaging compliance schemes published

On 9 September, Defra published the latest [register of packaging compliance](#) schemes under the Producer Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024, part of the UK's Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging (pEPR) framework.

The register lists approved schemes for the 2025 compliance year and is intended to help producers identify suitable partners for pEPR compliance.



PackUK guidance on preparing for pEPR year 1 invoicing

Also on 9 September, PackUK published [guidance to help producers prepare for Year 1 invoicing under the UK's pEPR scheme](#).

Obligated producers will receive their first Notice of Liability in October, covering the assessment year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. PackUK advises producers to review account details, ensure finance teams have access, and prepare for statutory debt payment processes.



Webinar on WRAP Packaging Pact framework

Following a round of consultations, WRAP is now sharing details of the final framework of the UK Packaging Pact, which will succeed the UK Plastics Pact. The refreshed framework sets new goals and areas of focus for the next decade. To introduce the final framework, WRAP will hold a webinar on 14 October, from 14:00-15:30. To register, click [here](#).



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Recyclability Assessment Methodology: supplementary guidance published

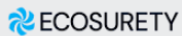
On 4 September, Defra published [supplementary guidance to support the use of the Recyclability Assessment Methodology \(RAM\)](#) under pEPR. The document provides detailed instructions on how to assess packaging components, apply recyclability ratings (red, amber, green) for different types of packaging, and record keeping. It also clarifies how to handle multi-material items and exemptions.



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pEPR contact and support

On 3 September, Defra published updated [contact and support information for organisations affected pEPR](#). The guidance explains how to access help with reporting packaging data, understanding fee obligations, and resolving invoice issues.



Ecosurety report on flexibles take-back schemes

[Ecosurety Ltd](#) has published a report evidencing flexible plastic take-back schemes provided by retailers. This report may support producers seeking to justify an amber RAM rating at the collection stage where flexible plastics are collected through front-of-store take-back schemes. Please contact the PPA Secretariat if you would like a copy of the report.



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Consultation on industrial emissions and environmental permitting

On 26 August, Defra launched a [consultation on proposed reforms to the environmental permitting framework for industrial emissions in England](#). The proposals aim to support innovation, streamline regulation, and improve transparency, while aligning with government priorities on clean energy, health, and environmental improvement. Feedback will inform future policy development, with a further consultation to follow.



EC proposes further delay to EUDR implementation

On 23 September, the EC proposed a further [12-month delay to the implementation of the European Union Deforestation Regulation \(EUDR\)](#). The decision is pending approval by the EP and the Council.



EC adopts recommendations for sustainability reporting for SMEs enterprises

This summer the EC adopted [recommendations](#) on voluntary sustainability reporting for small and medium-sized enterprises (vSME). The adopted standards will reduce administrative burden on SMEs by making it easier for them to respond to requests for sustainability information from large companies and financial institutions which are subject to mandatory reporting under the [Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive \(CSRD\)](#), and which have such SMEs in their value chains.

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Commissioner appointed to support tenant farmers

On 26 September, Defra appointed Alan Laidlaw as [England's first Commissioner for the Tenant Farming Sector](#). The role is intended to promote fair practice, strengthen tenant-landlord relationships, and support the sector's contribution to food production and environmental recovery.



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Updated lists of certified stock and varieties for seed potatoes

On 18 September, Defra updated its lists of certified stocks and varieties for 2025 produced in England and Wales under [the Seed Potato Classification Scheme](#).



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Defra Plant Varieties & Seeds Strategy

Following the industry workshops held earlier this year, the Defra Plant Varieties and Seeds team have announced that, due to the developments related to the UK-EU SPS agreement, they now intend to publish the Plant Varieties & Seed Strategy later in 2026, rather than in the Q1 2026 as originally planned.



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Farming and Countryside Programme Annual Report 2024–2025

On 10 September, Defra published its [annual report for the Farming and Countryside Programme](#), covering the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The report outlines progress in delivering financial assistance to farmers and land managers, with a focus on environmental outcomes, climate action, and food production, alongside updates on programme spending and statutory commitments.



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Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier

On 10 September, Defra also published its latest [guidance on the Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier \(CSHT\) scheme](#). The scheme is now open for applications from farmers, foresters and land managers who have been invited and have completed pre-application process. More information is available on the [Defra Farming Blog](#).



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Government expands ban on burning deep peat in England

On 9 September, Defra announced [an expanded ban on burning heather and grass on deep peat soils](#) in England. The updated rules increase the protected area and redefine deep peat as soil over 30cm deep, aiming to safeguard wildlife and reduce environmental risks. The extension applies from 30 September.



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Defra Farming Innovation Programme Grants

On 1 September, Defra announced funding of over £12 million into to new [Farming Innovation Programme \(FIP\) grants for farmers](#) in England. From 15 September, applications will open for the [Small R&D Partnerships competition](#) (Round 4) with up to £7.8 million to bring new agricultural technology onto the market. The deadline is 11.00am on 5 November. From 13 October, applications will open for the Feasibility Studies competition (Round 4) with up to £4.8 million for developing early ideas.

Plant protection products

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PRiF committee to be wound down in 2026

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has announced that the Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) will formally close in May 2026, following conclusion of consideration of the findings for the final quarter of the 2025 monitoring programme. Expert advice, when needed, will be sought from the Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP) and other sources. All results of the residue monitoring programme and the annual Pesticides Residues in Food report will continue to be published on GOV.UK.



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PRiF report 2024



On 18 September, [PRiF published its 2024 annual report](#), outlining its review of quarterly and rolling monitoring results for pesticide residues in food. In 2024, the HSE reported on 3,482 samples of food and drink in UK, that were tested for up to 419 different pesticide residues in any individual sample. Only 2% of samples analysed contained residues over the Maximum Residue Level (MRL).



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PRiF rolling report - July 2025

Also on 18 September, Defra published the [July 2025 PRiF rolling report](#). 4 potato samples were taken for during this period (1 Import from Egypt, 3 UK). Pesticide residues were detected in 2 samples, and 1 of these samples contained multiple pesticide residues. There were no MRL exceedances.



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Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme – Q4 2024 report

On 29 August, Defra published the [Quarter 4 2024 report on the Pesticide Residues Monitoring Programme](#).

The text of the report confirms that 30 potato samples were taken for GB during this period. Pesticide residues were detected in 16 samples, and 4 of these samples contained multiple pesticide residues. There were 0 MRL exceedances. For NI, 17 potato samples were taken. Pesticide residues were detected in 9 samples, and 3 of these samples contained multiple pesticide residues. There was 1 MRL exceedance for Chlorpropham (CIPC).



HSE updates guidance on emergency pesticides authorisations under Article 53

On 11 September, the HSE published updated [guidance for emergency applications](#) under Article 53 of the GB Plant Protection Product Regulations. The revised document must now be used for all future emergency authorisation requests and includes new advice on required supporting information, as well as clearer criteria for weighing benefits against risks to people, animals and the environment.

Groceries supply chain

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PPA response to proposals for Fair Dealings Regulations in the Fresh Produce sector

PPA has submitted a response to version 2 of the Defra proposals for the Fair Dealings Regulations in the Fresh Produce sector. The response reiterates that, overall, relationships within the UK potato supply chain are felt to be fair and reasonable and that strong relationships exist between growers and first purchasers, and the use of contracts within the processing sector (often based upon the existing RUCIP system) is the norm.

PPA's response highlighted that in introducing any legislation flexibility is removed: For potatoes issues can arise due to the specification requirements of the purchaser. Growers and first purchasers can both benefit from a flexible approach that considers conditions during the growing season. This can be mutually beneficial but does require good, clear communication between all parties and confidence that changes to specifications are not being made solely for the purchaser's benefit.



UKRI paper on transforming the food system

On 18 September, UK Research and Innovation's (UKRI) Transforming UK Food Systems (TUKFS) research programme published a paper outlining [27 action areas to help transform the UK's food system](#). The recommendations, developed with over 200 partners, focus on improving health, fairness, and sustainability across the food system. Key themes include regenerative production, supply chains, healthy food environments, community empowerment, and policy change.



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Defra food strategy webinar



On 2 October, Defra and the IGD will run the first food strategy webinar, from 13:30-14:15. The event will be led by Tessa Jones, Agrifood Chain Director at Defra, and will consist of a presentation on the Food Strategy, followed by a live Q&A session. To register, click [here](#).



Updated guidance for influencers on social media endorsements

On 3 September, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) updated its [guidance for influencers and content creators](#) on how to label promotional content in line with consumer protection law. The guidance explains when posts must be clearly marked as ads, such as when products are gifted, discounted, or paid for, and applies regardless of follower count. It also covers endorsements of the influencer's own products and stresses the importance of transparency across all platforms.



CMA guidance on complying with consumer protection law

Also on 3 September, the CMA published new [guidance for websites that host online reviews](#). The document outlines how review platforms can comply with consumer protection law by ensuring reviews are genuine, transparent, and not misleading. It includes advice on moderating content, identifying fake reviews, and clearly communicating how reviews are collected and displayed.

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Future EU-UK SPS Agreement and Impact on Trade in Seed Potatoes

Following consultation, several European potato value chain associations (including the European Snacks Association) have jointly written to Bernard Van Goethem at the European Commission, welcoming the outcome of the EU-UK summit held in May 2025 but urging that priority be given to negotiations to reopen EU-GB trade in seed potatoes.

In the letter, the co-signing organisations also request a meeting to discuss a potential future agreement on bilateral trade in seed potatoes and to gain a clearer understanding of the possible legal basis.



HM Revenue
& Customs

CERTEX implementation

CERTEX, a system that verifies licence data on declarations for goods movements, replacing the Automatic Licence Verification System (ALVS) for NI, has been implemented as of 15 September. Also, the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) reference must now also be provided on the declaration in a new format, consisting of letters followed by numbers and include the full stop character (e.g. 'CHEDA.XI.2025.1234567'). [HMRC guidance](#) on movements of licensed foods into or out of NI has been updated to reflect the changes.



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Business & Trade

International Trade Week 2025 Announced

On 15 September, the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) announced that [International Trade Week 2025](#) will take place from 3 to 7 November, offering free events and support to help British businesses of all sizes export goods and services.



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EFRA Committee report on UK Border Target Operating Model

On 15 September, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee released a report assessing the rollout and operation of the UK [Border Target Operating Model \(BTOM\)](#) from a biosecurity perspective. The report also considers the forthcoming UK-EU SPS agreement.



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Defra report on impact of non-tariff trade measures on GB-EU agri trade

Defra has published a [report evaluating the impact of non-tariff barriers on agri-food trade with the EU](#). Produced by the Andersons Centre with contributions from the Food and Drink Federation (FDF), and wider agri-food stakeholders, the report has helped shape government thinking around the SPS agreement.



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Defra survey on experiences of the Windsor Framework

Defra has commissioned environmental consultancy ICF and independent research agency BMG Research to carry out a [survey to understand businesses' experiences with the Windsor Framework](#), including impacts on supply chains and trading costs in NI. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.



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Gov.uk One Login accounts

From 29 September, GOV.UK One Login will be enabled as an alternative method for accessing Defra Trade accounts. This new sign-in option has been developed to offer a more accessible and secure way for users to access government services, featuring two-step verification for enhanced security. See [here](#) for more information.



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Extra border checks paused ahead of UK–EU SPS agreement

Following the UK–EU summit on 19 May, the [UK Government and devolved administrations have paused further import controls](#) on EU and European Free-Trade Association (EFTA) live animals, and non-qualifying NI goods from Ireland and NI. This decision supports plans for a new SPS agreement aimed at reducing costs and red tape for agri-food trade.

Existing BTOM controls remain in place, and current easements, such as those for [certain medium-risk fruits and vegetables, will be temporarily extended](#). Stakeholder engagement will continue as agreement details and timelines are finalised.



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UK–EU SPS negotiations

Negotiations on the UK-EU SPS agreement are anticipated to commence in the Autumn, pending the EU's mandate. The UK Government's aim is to conclude discussions and have legislative arrangements in place by 2027, subject to progress.



Borders Directorate Communications – New contact details

The Borders Directorate has updated its email to NBO-communications@apha.gov.uk, following its move from Defra to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). To join APHA's monthly Business Readiness Forum, contact APHA-BusinessReadinessForum@apha.gov.uk or, for import queries, contact the APHA Imports team at Imports@apha.gov.uk.

Indonesia to require halal certification for imports

On 17 October 2026, the Indonesian government will introduce new requirements mandating that most food and drink products imported into Indonesia must have [Halal certification](#).

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Professor Graham MacGregor CBE

Action on Salt and Sugar has announced the news of [Professor Graham MacGregor's](#) passing on 1 September. He was the Chair and founder of Action on Salt and Sugar, and served as Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at Queen Mary University of London's Wolfson Institute of Population Health. He also held roles as Honorary Consultant at Barts Health and Visiting Professor at St George's. Throughout his career in clinical practice, teaching, and research, Professor MacGregor focused on hypertension and the impact of diet, particularly salt and potassium, on cardiovascular health.



NFX UK Knowledge Hub live

NFX UK, the UK's first Novel Foods Expert Network, has launched a [new Knowledge Hub](#). The NFX UK Knowledge Hub is aimed at facilitating connections and providing easy access to novel foods regulatory information and insights.



IGD webinar on impact of HFSS legislation

The IGD will run a webinar on 2 October, from 15:00-16:00 to share the results and learnings from the evaluation of HFSS legislation study carried out by the University of Leeds. To register for the event, click [here](#).



Elea PEF Chip Day 2025

Elea Technology GmbH is hosting a dedicated one-day event for professionals in the global potato industry: [Elea PEF Chip Day 2025](#). The event will be held on 9 October in Quakenbrück, Germany. Attendees will have the opportunity to observe live demonstrations of Pulsed Electric Field (PEF) technology in action, hear insights from industry experts, and explore Elea's newest PEF systems.



FDF Food Safety Network event – 1 October

On 1 October, the FDF will run its annual Food Safety Networking event, at the FDF Offices in London. The event will explore scientific developments and future needs within the food system. Professor Guy Poppy will deliver the keynote address, followed by a panel discussion featuring experts from Rothamsted Research, The Good Food Institute, the FSA and Ramboll. To book your place, click [here](#).

On 27 August, the FDF published its [Q2 2025 State of Industry Report](#), highlighting continued pressure on UK food and drink manufacturers. Business confidence remains low at -40%, with concerns driven by regulatory costs, falling consumer demand, and uncertainty around the Autumn Budget. Labour shortages persist, with vacancy rates rising to 4.2%, and 41% of businesses expect to reduce headcount over the next year. Despite challenges, 84% of manufacturers plan to maintain or increase investment, with domestic sales and product innovation remaining key priorities.



Announcement of Jim Moseley's plans to retire

After 50 years in the food and drink industry, and nine years as CEO for Red Tractor, Jim Moseley has decided that now is the right time to take a step-back to enable more personal time. He plans to retire from full time employment in April 2026.

Please find the announcement, which includes a personal message from Jim, here on [Red Tractor's website](#).

PPA committee meeting dates 2025

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PPA Board

18 November 2025	14:30-16:30	Fera, York (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

18 November 2025	10:30-12:30	Fera, York (TBC)
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PPA circulars issued in September 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.
01-Sep	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 35 2025	269/25
01-Sep	Update on CMO revision (Art. 168) – joint potato outreach	270/25
03-Sep	EU Pesticide Renewal Monitor, July/August 2025	271/25
03-Sep	New industry-wide webinar 10 September - LHF Industry Agreement campaign	272/25
03-Sep	FDF label explainer and Defra factory visits	273/25
05-Sep	Public consultations - EU draft regulations - Active substances and PPPs	274/25
05-Sep	Upcoming Evidence for Flexible Plastics Take-Schemes RAM Reporting	275/25
05-Sep	Study on impact of HFSS placement restrictions in England	276/25
05-Sep	New BRC guidance on products in and out of scope of LHF advertising restrictions	277/25
05-Sep	Guidance Document on EU Deforestation Regulation	278/25
08-Sep	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 36 2025	279/25

09-Sep	Joint Stakeholder concept note Contaminants prioritisation criteria draft	280/25
09-Sep	Preparing for pEPR year 1 invoicing: key information for liable producers	281/25
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10-Sep	Agenda for next meeting Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (PAFF)	283/25
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01-Sep	Press release on RUCIP standards update	185/25
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02-Sep	Doodle poll for next PPTC meeting	187/25
03-Sep	Defra further request for evidence to support analysis for UK-EU agreement on PPP	188/25
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03-Sep	UKIA webinar on trading water (online event)	190/25
04-Sep	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 4 September 2025	191/25
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09-Sep	Summer update on key issues for PPTC	195/25
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1 October 2025	IGD conference: The Future of the UK Food System, London
1 October 2025	FDF Food Safety Network Event: Food Science for Tomorrow's World, London
2 October 2025	Defra/IGD Food Strategy webinar, online
2 October 2025	IGD webinar: Evaluation of HFSS impact, online
4-8 October 2025	Anuga 2025, Cologne, Germany
7 October 2025	IFST Autumn Conference 2025, Nottingham
7 October 2025	Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online
9 October 2025	Euromonitor webinar: What's in the basket? Unpacking which sustainability claims drive consumer purchases, online

9 October 2025	FDF/Unsworth webinar: Successfully Navigating the Windsor Framework and Returned Goods Relief, online
9 October 2025	Elea PEF Chip Day 2025, Quakenbruck, Germany
13-15 October 2025	ESA Savoury Snacks Production Course, Part 2, Vienna, Austria
14 October 2025	WRAP Webinar - UK Packaging Pact: Introducing the Final Framework, online
15 October 2025	FoodManufacturing.Live 2025, Warwickshire
15 October 2025	FDF sustainability Breakfast: Food Waste in the Circular Economy, London
16 October 2025	Defra drop-in session on proposed reforms to CITES Regulation, online
4 November 2025	Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online
9-15 November 2025	Agritechnica, Hanover, Germany
11 November 2025	IGD webinar: 7 Lever Framework for Population Diet Change, online
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
9-10 December 2025	CUPGRA Conference, Cambridge
30 Mar-1 Apr 2026	IFE 2026, London

Industry meetings

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1 October 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Contaminants WG meeting, online
2 October 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Hygiene and Official Controls WG meeting, online
2 October 2025	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly call, online
3 October 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Food Improvement Agents WG meeting, online
7 October 2025	ESA Sustainability Working Group (SUS) Q3 meeting, online
7 October 2025	Catch-up with Defra Potato team, online
8 October 2025	FDF Food Allergen Steering Group (ASG) meeting, hybrid
8 October 2025	FDF NPM Working Group meeting, online
10 October 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST Action call, online
14-15 October 2025	EUPPA General Assembly and Committee meetings, Brussels
16 October 2025	FDF Diet & Health Committee (DHC) meeting, hybrid
16 October 2025	FDF Food Ingredients (FIG) Committee meeting, hybrid
16 October 2025	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly call, online
20 October 2025	Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG), online
21 October 2025	FDF Food Microbiology Committee (MIC) meeting, hybrid
22 October 2025	Business Expert Group (BExG) Food Standards and Labelling meeting, hybrid
22 October 2025	FDF Residues and Contaminants (RAC) Committee meeting, hybrid
23 October 2025	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) meeting, hybrid
23 October 2025	Codex National Consultative Committee (NCCC) meeting, online
24 October 2025	ESA EC Regulatory (ECR) WG meeting, online
24 October 2025	Bi-weekly Furan COST Action call, online
27 October 2025	CIPC Residues Monitoring Group (CRMG) meeting, online
28 October 2025	CRMG meeting, online
29 October 2025	ESA Nut Processors Working Group (NPWG) meeting, online
30 October 2025	ESA Public Affairs Committee (PAC) meeting, online
30 October 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Food Contact Materials (FCMAT) Committee, online
30 October 2025	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly call, online

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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 10 September 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 26 September 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](#) (latest bulletin 11 September 2025)

[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 19 September 2025)

[APHA guidance: BTOM risk categorisations \(EU and non-EU plant and plant products\)](#) (last updated 11 August 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 & Wales Fees](#) (last updated 11 August 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Importing SPS controlled goods into GB that interact with the Border Trade Matching Service](#) (last updated 8 September 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 24 September 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 15 September 2025)

[HMRC Guidance Create a goods movement reference](#) (last updated 1 September 2025)

[Defra: Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 23 September 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 30 August 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 Form High risk food and feed of non-animal origin \(HRFNAO\): official certificates](#) (last updated 11 August 2025)

[Defra/APHA Guidance: Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues](#) (last updated 17 September 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 3 September 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU](#) (last updated 19 September 2025)

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

[HMRC: Moving licensed goods into or out of NI](#) (last updated 15 September 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Make an entry summary declaration using the Import Control System 2](#) (last updated 1 August 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 1 August 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: generate a packaging data file](#) (last updated 20 August 2025)

[Defra/EA Guidance: Packaging data: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility](#) (last updated 6 August 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Organisation details: how to create your file for extended producer responsibility \(EPR\) for packaging](#) (last updated 9 September 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 5 August 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: check the public register of producers](#) (last updated 11 September 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 4 September 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)

[Defra Guidance: Recyclability assessment methodology: supplementary guidance](#) (first published 4 September 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility \(EPR\) for packaging: contact and support](#) (first published 3 September 2025)

[PackUK: Preparing for pEPR year 1 invoicing: key information for liable producers](#) (first published 9 September 2025)

Water

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

[EA: Rainfall and river flow: weekly reports for England](#) (last updated 25 September 2025)

[EA: Guidance. Environmental permits: when and how you are charged](#) (last updated 22 September 2025)

[EA: Guidance. Water resources licences: when and how you are charged](#) (last updated 22 September 2025)

[EA: Statutory guidance Environmental permits and abstraction licences: tables of charges](#) (last updated 19 August 2025)

[EA: Guidance Abstract or impound water: hydrological and hydraulic information needed for your licence application](#) (last updated 29 August 2025)

[EA: Guidance Environment Agency fees and charges](#) (last updated 22 September 2025)

[EA: Policy paper. Drought: how it is managed in England](#) (last updated 23 September 2025)

Current consultations

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Defra: [Survey to understand businesses' experiences with the Windsor Framework](#)

EC: [Consultation on amendment of data requirements for applications for the approval of active substances](#) (closes 2 October 2025)

EC: [Consultation on amendment of data requirements for applications for the authorisation of plant protection products](#) (closes 2 October 2025)

EC: [Consultation on uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products](#) (closes 2 October 2025)

SG: [Consultation on Scotland's Fourth Land Use Strategy](#) (closes 5 October 2025)

FSS: [Survey on allergen management within Scottish food businesses](#) (closes 6 October 2025)

CAP/BCAP: [Consultation on implementation guidance on LHF advertising restrictions](#) (closes 9 October 2025)

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

EC: [Call for evidence on Food and Feed Safety Simplification Omnibus](#) (closes 14 October 2025)

Defra: [Consultation on modernizing environmental permitting in England](#) (closes 21 October 2025)

Defra: [Consultation on Reforming domestic CITES implementation](#) (closes 23 October 2025)

DBT: [Consultation on Late payments: tackling poor payment practices](#) (closes 23 October 2025)

FSA: [Consultation on local authority and district council guidance on Grey Market goods in the UK](#) (closes 24 October 2025)

SG: [Consultation on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Research Strategy 2027-32](#) (closes 24 October 2025)

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

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