

# Newsletter – November 2025

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## Government

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### UK Autumn Budget 2025

HM Treasury

On 26 November, HM Treasury published the [UK Autumn Budget for 2025](#). Key measures include a freeze to National Insurance and income tax thresholds until April 2031, a cap to pension salary sacrifice schemes, an electric vehicle excise duty, and others. For the food sector, the Budget tasks the [Food Standards Agency \(FSA\) with creating a consistent national approach to food standards and hygiene regulation for large retailers](#), using centralised data and streamlined processes to reduce burdens while maintaining consumer safety.



### Secretary of State’s Address to FDF Investment Summit

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

On 19 November, Environment Secretary Emma Reynolds delivered a keynote speech at the [2025 Food and Drink Federation \(FDF\) Investment Summit](#). New measures announced to support food and drink manufacturing include a process for tariff suspensions to reduce input costs and a Food Inflation Gateway to provide clarity on upcoming regulations and their impact on businesses. The sector remains the UK’s largest manufacturing industry, employing nearly half a million people and contributing £37 billion to the economy.



Cabinet Office

## Windsor Framework monitoring report

On 5 November, the Cabinet Office published the first [Windsor Framework Independent Monitoring Report](#), covering the period of January - June 2025.

The Independent Monitoring Panel confirmed that the UK Internal Market Guarantee was met, with 96% of freight value from Great Britain to Northern Ireland falling within the UK Internal Market system, thus meeting the UK's Internal Market Guarantee of 80%. The report notes stakeholder concerns about guidance clarity and accessibility, especially for small and microbusinesses. It also highlights communication issues around scheme changes, including 'Not for EU' labelling for agrifood products, and recommends improved support and clearer guidance.

## Food safety

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### FSA December Board meeting

The FSA will hold its next [Board meeting](#) on 10 December, in Reading, from 9:00-14:10. Agenda items include updates on the FSA Position on the Codex Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL) Standard, including allergen thresholds, the evaluation of the Meat Charging Discount Regime, and updates from the National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) and the Northern Ireland (NI) Food Advisory Committee (NIFAC). To register to watch the meeting in person or online, click [here](#).



Government Chemist

### Government Chemist Food and Feed Legislation – September.25 update

The Government Chemist have published its latest [report summarising updates to UK legislation in food and feed law, from 25 June – 30 September 2025](#). The updates include UK and EU legislation, and other technical publications, such as FAQs, which might be of interest.



Veterinary  
Medicines  
Directorate

### Consultation on veterinary residues control programme charges

On 24 November, the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) issued a [consultation on proposals to revise the charges for the National Residues Control Programme \(NRCP\)](#), which monitors residues of banned substances, veterinary medicines, and contaminants in products of animal origin before they enter the food chain. The consultation closes on 19 January 2026.



### UKFM briefing on non-wheat cereals in wheat flour

The UK Flour Millers (UKFM) have published a new briefing document on the adventitious presence of non-wheat cereals such as barley, oats, rye, triticale and spelt in wheat flour. The document outlines the regulatory approach applicable as well as the implications for PAL on wheat flours and wheat flour-based products. Please contact the PPA Secretariat for a copy.



### New FSS website

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) have launched a [new and improved website](#), designed to make it quicker and easier to find guidance, training, and resources.

# Health and wellbeing

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## Healthy Futures Obesity Strategy Published

On 26 November, the Department of Health in NI published the [‘Healthy Futures’ strategic framework](#). The ten-year plan adopts a whole-system, life-course approach, aiming to improve diets, increase physical activity, and reduce health inequalities based on four key themes. Although priorities are set at high level, the ‘Healthy Policies’ theme include working with the UK Government to further restrict advertising of foods high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) and on front of pack nutrition labelling, potential promotion restrictions of HFSS food and calorie labelling for the out-of-home sector, expanding nutrition standards to public food procurement and others.



## UKRI Corporate Plan 2025–2027

On 25 November, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) have published its [Corporate Plan for 2025–2027](#). Amongst other areas, the plan reaffirms support for research into healthier diets and sustainable food systems, including public engagement through [Sciencewise](#) on future research on [Ultra Processed Foods \(UPFs\)](#). The plan continues funding for the Transforming UK Food Systems programme, which addresses obesity, nutrition, and alternative proteins, alongside training future leaders in food system innovation.

## THE LANCET

### The Lancet series on Ultra-Processed Foods

On 18 November, a dedicated series on [‘Ultra-Processed Foods and Human Health’](#) was published on the journal The Lancet, accompanied by a launch event in London held on 19 November.

The series comprises three papers. The first reviews evidence linking UPF consumption to chronic diseases, while the remaining two explore policy options for governments and strategies to drive collective action.



## Nesta report on health targets for the out-of-home food sector

On 11 November, the charity Nesta published a report titled [‘Targeting the health of the nation: targets for the out-of-home food sector’](#). The report builds on the government’s 10-Year Health Plan for England, which proposed setting targets to increase the healthiness of food sales. Nesta recommends that the government expedite mandatory data reporting for large out-of-home (OOH) food businesses to enable effective target setting and ensure a level regulatory playing field. It also advises sequencing health targets across sectors, starting with retailers while mandating data collection from OOH businesses to inform future targets.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Defra Family Food Survey FYE 2024

On 6 November, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra), published the [Family Food Statistics for the financial year ending \(FYE\) 2024](#). The report provides detailed statistics on household food and drink purchases, expenditure, and nutrient intake in the UK. It highlights trends in consumption patterns, including a decline in purchases of fresh and processed potatoes compared to previous years (-4.8% vs FYE 2023 and -14.5 % vs FYE 2021).

## National Child Measurement Programme – 2024/25 update



Office for Health  
Improvement  
& Disparities

On 4 November, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) published data from the [National Child Measurement Programme \(NCMP\) for 2024/25](#) showing trends in childhood obesity rates. In 2024/25, 10.5% of children in reception (ages 4-5) and 22.2% of year 6 children (ages 10-11) were living with obesity. Excluding the peak in 2020/21 during the pandemic, this is the highest obesity prevalence seen in reception children since the NCMP began in 2006/07 but remains just within the range of projected prevalence based on analysis of the pre-pandemic trend. For children in year 6, obesity prevalence is similar to last year (22.1%), but more than twice as high as in reception.



## Scottish HFSS promotion restrictions legislation published

On 31 October, [The Food \(Promotion and Placement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) were laid, which will restrict the promotion and placement of food and drink high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) in Scotland, both in store and online. The Scottish Regulations will come into force on **1 October 2026**.

A [Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment \(BRIA\)](#) has also been published and implementation guidance is expected soon.



## EU Cardiovascular Health Plan leaked draft

A leaked draft of the forthcoming EU Cardiovascular Health Plan, prepared by the European Commission's (EC) Health Commissioner Oliver Várhelyi, outlined proposed actions targeting ultra-processed and highly processed foods. The draft suggests supporting Member States in introducing excise duties on such foods and drinks and proposes a micro-levy on highly processed foods, alongside a new "food processing assessment system with complete nutritional profile" to guide healthier consumer choices. The document is now under internal review within the EC. The final version is expected to be adopted in mid-December. A copy of the document is available for PPA members upon request.

## Food labelling and composition

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## EUPPA SAPP labelling dossier updated

On 30 October, the European Potato Processors' Association (EUPPA) updated its dossier on the labelling of disodium diphosphate (E450i, also known as sodium acid pyrophosphate -SAPP) when used as a carry over additive in whole, sliced and cut compound potato products. The update has been developed with the help from experts from Wageningen University and focusses on editorial improvements and updates to legal and legislative references. A copy of the updated guidance can be shared with PPA members upon request.

# **Environment and sustainability**

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## **UK Packaging Pact founding members confirmed**

On 27 November, [WRAP announced that 55 organisations, including major food and drink producers and retailers, had signed up to the UK Packaging Pact](#) ahead of its April 2026 launch.

The ten-year voluntary agreement aims to transform packaging across sectors and materials, focusing on optimising design, scaling reuse and refill systems, investing in circular infrastructure, and harmonising data and traceability across supply chains.



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## **Government responds to consultation on environmental permitting exemptions**

On 11 November, the Defra Secretary of State Emma Reynolds confirmed that the UK Government will publish a "[circular economy growth plan](#)" in 2026. The Circular Economy Strategy for England was initially expected in the autumn 2025.



## **IGD Food Supply Chain Sustainability Framework**

On 5 November, the Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) published its new [Food Supply Chain Sustainability Framework](#). The framework, developed with six major food manufacturers, provides a self-assessment template enabling suppliers, manufacturers and retailers to map where they are against seven defined sustainability priorities.



## **Security Alert: Phishing Scam Targeting Packaging Producers**

PackUK has issued a warning about a phishing scam targeting packaging producers. Fraudulent Notices of Liability have been sent by email, requesting payment via links and claiming to issue recalculated notices. PackUK confirmed it will never send payment links by email, request payment outside the official Report Packaging Data portal, or issue recalculations at this stage. Producers are advised to log in directly to the Report Packaging Data system to view official notices and make payments, and to report any suspicious communications to the Extended Producer Responsibility support desk.



## **EUDR negotiating mandates adopted**

The [European Parliament \(EP\)](#) and the [European Council](#) have adopted their positions on the targeted revision of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), both supporting a one-year delay to obligations under the EUDR. Large operators and traders would comply from 30 December 2026, with micro and small enterprises from 30 June 2027, alongside simplified due-diligence requirements for those first placing products on the EU market. Trilogue negotiations are expected to begin soon, aiming for agreement before year-end and before the existing EUDR starts to apply.

# Agriculture

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## Potato Storage Handbook



British Potato Review, in collaboration with Adrian Cunnington of Potato Storage Insight (PSI), have published the [2025 edition of The Potato Storage Handbook](#). The handbook contains tips and advice on how to get the best out of potatoes in storage, from post-harvesting considerations, through monitoring and treatments, store and equipment maintenance, to minimising running costs and equipment overheads.



## Drought Prospects for Spring 2026

On 14 November, the Environment Agency (EA) published its [drought prospects for spring 2026](#), outlining scenarios, risks, and actions for different sectors. The report warns that England could face drought next year unless winter rainfall is at least average, following one of the driest years on record. Under very dry conditions, most of England would start spring in drought, with widespread impacts on people, farmers, businesses, and nature. The Met Office indicates a higher-than-usual likelihood of dry weather from November to January, reinforcing the need for early action.

# Plant protection products

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## Belém Declaration on Fertilisers

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Following the closure of [COP30](#) in Belém, Brazil, Defra published a policy paper on the '[Belém Declaration on Fertilisers](#)', highlighting the urgent need for a global transition to sustainable fertiliser production and use. The declaration recognises fertilisers as essential for food security but notes their significant environmental impact. The declaration calls for international collaboration across research, standards, demand creation, finance, and coordination to optimise nutrient use and support climate resilience and food security.



## 2024 Annual Report on pesticide residues in food

On 20 November, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) published the [annual report on pesticide residues in food for 2024](#). The report summarises monitoring results for pesticide residues in a range of food products sampled across the UK. In Great Britain (GB), 146 fresh potato samples were tested, with 1 Maximum Residue Level (MRL) exceedance recorded. For processed potatoes, 36 samples were tested and no exceedances were recorded. In NI, 59 fresh potato samples were tested, with 2 instances of exceedance recorded.



## HSE report on the monitoring and control of PPPs in the UK in 2023

Also on 20 November, the HSE published its [report on the monitoring and control of Plant Protection Products \(PPPs\) in the UK in 2023](#) (UK Art. 68), describing official controls carried out in 2023 by the HSE and other enforcing authorities. In 2023, 216 potato samples were tested for 406 active substances. 3 samples exceeded the MRLs for certain pesticides. The report also mentions samples of potato-based crisps, where 24 samples tested for 404 actives, but no exceedances were recorded.



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## PRiF Rolling Reporting Data – September 2025

On 7 November, the Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) published its [Rolling Reporting Data for September 2025](#). The data confirms that 18 potato samples were taken for the UK during this period. 9 samples were detected with residues. 0 samples were detected with multiple residues, and there were no MRL exceedances.



### CIPC Residues Monitoring Group Submits Draft Report

The Clorpropham (CIPC) Residues Monitoring Group (CRMG) has shared its second-year draft report with the HSE's Chemical Regulation Division (CRD). Provisional data from 156 potato store samples showed 13.5% contained detectable CIPC residues, all within the temporary Maximum Residue Level (tMRL) of 0.35 mg/kg. The findings support maintaining the tMRL to avoid loss of storage capacity and protect supply chain resilience.



### CIPC data submission for 2025/26

The CRMG is now calling on growers and store managers to support a third season of sampling for submission to the CRD in 2025/26. Those already collecting multi-residue data are urged to include CIPC results from crops stored for at least 60 days, with analysis carried out by a UKAS-accredited laboratory. Growers and store managers willing to submit anonymised CIPC residue data can contact the Group by emailing [adrian@potatostorageinsight.com](mailto:adrian@potatostorageinsight.com)

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### Defra 2<sup>nd</sup> food strategy webinar

On 4 December, Defra and the IGD will run their second food strategy webinar, from 11:00-11:45. The event aims to provide the latest updates on the Food Strategy, and will hear from Tessa Jones, Agrifood Chain Director at Defra. Natasha Burgon, Director for Health Improvement at the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Tazeem Bhatia, Chief Nutritionist & Deputy Director for Diet and Obesity at DHSC will also present on updates on the 10-Year Health Plan for England and the implications for the food sector. To register, click [here](#).



Department for  
Business & Trade

### Consultation on British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme

On 24 November, the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) launched a [consultation on the proposed approach and eligibility for the British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme \(BICS\)](#). The scheme aims to reduce electricity costs for manufacturing businesses in key growth sectors, including Agri-Tech, by exempting eligible companies from indirect costs of the Renewables Obligation, Feed-in Tariffs, and the Capacity Market. The consultation closes on 19 January 2026.



### IGD 7 levers framework launch event

On 11 November, the IGD held a webinar to launch its '7 Levers Framework' to help food and drink businesses integrate health and sustainability into strategies and operations. The event outlined the UK's diet and environmental challenges, presented case studies of businesses using the levers, and demonstrated how they can be applied across functions from strategy to supply chain, with opportunities for feedback and Q&A. A recording of the webinar can be watched [here](#).

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for Environment  
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## UK-EU SPS – Defra call for information

Following the UK-EU Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement Industry Stakeholder Forum held on 18 November, Defra is calling for information from stakeholders on views on the SPS Agreement, particularly around opportunities, information needed for implementation, case study and sector-specific considerations and any other relevant information. Defra welcomes direct feedback from stakeholders on [EUEngagement@defra.gov.uk](mailto:EUEngagement@defra.gov.uk).



Animal &  
Plant Health  
Agency

## APHA Borders Directorate – New Contact Email

The Borders Directorate have confirmed its transition from Defra to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). As part of this transition, all future communications from the Borders Directorate will come from [NBO-communications@apha.gov.uk](mailto:NBO-communications@apha.gov.uk), and recipients are advised to update their records to ensure continued receipt of messages.



Department for  
Business & Trade

## DBT consultation on reducing regulatory burden to businesses

On 21 October, the DBT launched a call for evidence to help [reduce regulatory burdens on businesses](#). Responses will inform upcoming regulatory reforms, with the ultimate goal of reducing the administrative burden on businesses by 25%. The call for evidence closes on 16 December.



## EC Implementation Dialogue on Import Controls

In the Spring 2025, the EC launched '[Implementation Dialogues](#)' a consultation tool to seek stakeholder feedback to support better implementation of EU policies and simplification of EU rules and programmes. Commissioner Várhelyi has selected Import Controls on Food and Feed as the topic for his second Implementation Dialogue, which will take place on 9 December in Brussels.



## Annual Report on Implementation and Enforcement of EU Trade Policy published

On 3 November, the EC published its fifth [Annual Report on Implementation and Enforcement of EU Trade Policy](#), covering the year 2024 and the first half of 2025. It provides an overview of the EU's main activities and achievements in 2024, and the first seven months of 2025 led by the Commission's Chief Trade Enforcement Officer.

## Partners

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### Investment summit 2025: powering productivity

On 19 November, the FDF held its [Investment Summit 2025](#), titled 'Powering Productivity', where industry leaders, government ministers and financial and technology experts discussed plans to accelerate growth and investment in the UK's food and drink manufacturing sector. The Summit introduced the organisation's new '[Ambition for Growth](#)' targets, including doubling annual business investment, increasing exports, growing gross value-added for the economy, and cutting carbon emissions, aiming to strengthen the sector through innovation, productivity and sustainability



### FDF State of Industry report Q3 2025

On 13 November, the FDF published its [State of Industry Report Q3 2025](#). According to the report, confidence among food and drink manufacturers fell sharply to -60% in Q3 2025, down from -40% in Q2. Uncertainty and lack of regulatory clarity are the main drivers of depressed confidence, with 90% of manufacturers feeling pessimistic or nervous about the Government's upcoming Budget.



### ESA Sustainability Report 2024–25

The European Snacks Association (ESA) has published the second edition of its [Sustainability Report](#), setting out the savoury snacks industry's future ambitions and providing an overview of current sector activity. The report highlights initiatives from ESA members across the full value chain, from agricultural production to final packaging.



### FDF Regulatory Updates Webinar – December 2025

On 2 December, the FDF will host a members-only [Regulatory Updates webinar](#), providing an overview of upcoming changes in food safety and labelling regulations. Topics include food allergy policy, the proposed bisphenol A (BPA) ban, and updates on EU/UK sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) negotiations.



### Water Quality and Quantity Masterclass

On 10 December, the UK Irrigation Association (UKIA) will run an online masterclass titled '[Balancing the drop and the dirt — can we really afford to choose?](#)', addressing the growing challenge of balancing water quantity and quality. The session will explore practical solutions at farm and catchment scale, highlight regulatory and agronomic perspectives, and discuss how industry and regulators are planning for the next decade.



### CropTec 2026

On 14–15 January, [CropTec 2026](#) will take place at the NEC Birmingham, providing a platform for the arable sector to share knowledge and explore innovation. The event will cover topics such as crop varieties, pesticide regulations, disease management, crop rotations, and climate resilience, alongside emerging technologies including gene-editing, AI, and robotics. CropTec will be co-located with LAMMA, showcasing the latest agricultural machinery. Click [here](#) to register for a free ticket.



### IFST Binsted Lecture 2026

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST), together with the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), the FDF and Campden BRI will jointly host the 2026 Binsted annual lecture titled 'Leveraging AI in New Product Development and ensuring Food Safety and Quality' on 12 February 2026, at the FDF Office in London. For more information and to book your ticket, click [here](#).



## PSI Potato Store Managers' Course 2026

PSI will be running their two-day, certified residential Potato Store Managers' course at Greetham Valley Hotel near Oakham, Rutland, on 11-12 March 2026. For more information, please email [adrian@potatostorageinsight.com](mailto:adrian@potatostorageinsight.com). An early bird discount is available for bookings made by 6 January.



## Snackex 2026 in Lisbon

Snackex 2026 will take place on 17–18 June at the FIL Expo in Lisbon, Portugal. It is the only international trade fair and conference dedicated entirely to savoury snacks and snack nuts, bringing together manufacturers, suppliers, and buyers from across the industry. The event will showcase a wide range of products, including potato chips, tortilla chips, corn snacks, peanuts, pretzels, and more, alongside networking opportunities and sessions addressing key industry challenges. For more information and to book your place visit [www.snackex.com](http://www.snackex.com).

## PPA committee meeting dates 2026

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### PPA Board

2026 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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### Food Law and Consumer [FLC] committee

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### Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee

2026 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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## PPA circulars issued in November 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.
03-Nov	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 44 2025	354/25
03-Nov	EUPPA Updated SAPP dossier	355/25
03-Nov	Scottish legislation HFSS promotion restrictions published	356/25
06-Nov	Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging: draft amending regulations laid in Parliament	357/25
06-Nov	FSA Food System Strategic Assessment Workshop	358/25
06-Nov	UKFM briefing on non-wheat cereals in wheat flour	359/25
07-Nov	Update on changes to Defra's Agri-Food Chain Directorate	360/25
10-Nov	FDF summary on UK and EU Deforestation initiatives	361/25
10-Nov	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 45 2025	362/25
10-Nov	EUPPA Issues Tracker	363/25
11-Nov	Defra/ADAS Food Labelling Research webinar slides	364/25
12-Nov	FSA Food System Strategic Assessment Workshop - final call	365/25
13-Nov	DBT consultation on reducing regulatory burden for businesses	366/25
13-Nov	Slides and action list from FLC meeting 12 November 2025	367/25
17-Nov	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 46 2025	368/25
17-Nov	FDF Summary on UK-EU SPS agreement	369/25
20-Nov	The Lancet series on ultra-processed foods	370/25
24-Nov	DHSC questions on mandatory reporting of healthy food sales	371/25
24-Nov	Draft FLC Risk Matrix review	372/25
24-Nov	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 47 2025	373/25
24-Nov	Leaked version of the EU Cardiovascular Health Plan (CVD)	374/25
24-Nov	Codex Additives: Discussions on the use of polyglycerol esters of fatty acids in snacks and crackers, and caramel III in nuts	375/25
25-Nov	Europatat Code of Practice on Glycoalkaloids – ESA and PPA to add the logo?	376/25
25-Nov	Informal summary report of the EC WG Food Information for Consumers and of the Commission meeting on Food Information for Consumers - 21 October	377/25
27-Nov	NI 'Healthy Futures' Obesity Strategic Framework published	378/25
28-Nov	Monthly digest of EU legislation (November 2025)	379/25
28-Nov	Council and European Parliament adopt their negotiating mandate on EUDR	380/25
28-Nov	Government Chemist Food and Feed Law legislation update (Sep.25 update)	381/25
28-Nov	Plant protection products log – November 2025	382/25
28-Nov	PPA Monthly Newsletter - November 2025	383/25

### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
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06-Nov	FSA Food System Strategic Assessment Workshop	240/25
07-Nov	Pesticide residues in food: September 2025 monitoring results	241/25
07-Nov	Update on changes to Defra's Agri-Food Chain Directorate	242/25
07-Nov	GB Legislation for Autumn 2025	243/15
07-Nov	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 30 October 2025	244/25
10-Nov	EUPPA Issues Tracker - November	245/25
12-Nov	Agenda and online joining details for PPTC meeting, 18 November 2025	246/25
12-Nov	FSA Food System Strategic Assessment Workshop – final call	247/25
13-Nov	DBT consultation on reducing regulatory burden for businesses	248/25
13-Nov	NFU updates on water quality	249/25
17-Nov	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 13 November 2025	250/25
18-Nov	Presentations and papers from today's PPTC meeting, 18 November 2025	251/25
24-Nov	Minutes of the Treater Group meeting held 5 November 2025	252/25
24-Nov	CMO Task Force - New coalition letter	253/25
25-Nov	Europatat draft GA	254/25
28-Nov	Legislation: Monthly digest of EU legislation (November 2025)	255/25
28-Nov	EU CIPC monitoring plan Draft Report 2024/2025	256/25
28-Nov	Plant protection products log – November 2025	257/25
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## **Upcoming events**

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2 December 2025	<a href="#">FDF Regulatory Update webinar, online</a>
2 December 2025	<a href="#">Defra Circular Economy Joint Stakeholder Forum, online</a>
3 December 2025	<a href="#">IFST South East branch annual meeting and lecture: the Future of Food Scientists, London</a>
3 December 2025	<a href="#">IFST event: Breaking the Barriers to Automation Adoption in Food Systems, Coventry</a>
3 December 2025	<a href="#">The British Society of Soil Science 2025 Annual Conference, Manchester</a>
4 December 2025	<a href="#">IFST Scotland Branch Christmas event: From Food Lab to Supermarket Shelves, Glasgow</a>
4 December 2025	<a href="#">Defra/IGD 2<sup>nd</sup> Food Strategy webinar, online</a>
4 December 2025	<a href="#">FDF/Wastepack webinar: From Confusion to Compliance: Navigating EPR as an SME, online</a>
9 December 2025	<a href="#">IFST Western Branch Christmas event: So you think you know what you are eating? Food fraud – yesterday, today, tomorrow, Weston-super-Mare</a>
9 December 2025	<a href="#">FDF/RSM webinar: Strategic Growth Through M&amp;A in Food and Drink Manufacturing, online</a>
9-10 December 2025	<a href="#">CUPGRA Conference, Cambridge</a>
10 December 2025	<a href="#">UKIA masterclass: Balancing the drop and the dirt — can we really afford to choose?, online</a>
11 December 2025	<a href="#">FDF/Sustainable Energy First webinar: Journey to Target Zero, online</a>
12 December 2025	<a href="#">Business.gov.uk: Demystifying sanitary and phytosanitary requirements when selling to the EU, online</a>
18 December 2025	<a href="#">Business.gov.uk: Top tips for understanding VAT in Europe, online</a>
14-15 January 2026	<a href="#">CropTech/LAMMA 2026, Birmingham</a>
27 January 2026	<a href="#">IFST Northern Branch conference: Closing Nutrition Gaps for Healthier Futures, Leeds</a>
7 February 2026	<a href="#">26<sup>th</sup> SACAPP Conference, Dundee, Scotland</a>
12 February 2026	<a href="#">IFST Binsted Lecture 2026: Leveraging AI in New Product Development and ensuring Food Safety and Quality, London</a>
25-26 February 2026	<a href="#">Crop Production in Northern Britain 2026: The Dundee Conference, Dundee</a>
11-12 March 2026	<a href="#">PSI Potato Store Managers' Course, Rutland</a>
25 March 2026	<a href="#">FDF Food and Drink Industry Dinner, London</a>
30 Mar-1 Apr 2026	<a href="#">IFE 2026, London</a>
27-29 April 2026	<a href="#">World Retail Congress, Berlin</a>
20 May 2026	<a href="#">SDF/PSI Strategic Potato Day 2026, Holbeach St Marks, Lincs</a>
17-18 June 2026	<a href="#">Snackex 2026, Lisbon</a>
12-14 October 2026	<a href="#">ESA Savoury Snacks Production Course Part 3: Snack Nuts, Origin to Packet. Porto, Portugal</a>

## **Industry meetings**

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2 December 2025	FDF International Trade Committee (ITC) meeting, hybrid
2 December 2025	IFST Food Regulatory SIG meeting, online
3 December 2025	FDF Scotland Members Election Briefing, Edinburgh
4 December 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Communications and Advocacy Committee meeting, online
8 December 2025	FDF Nutrition (NUT) Committee meeting, hybrid
9 December 2025	Advertising Association Food Advertising Working Group, online
9 December 2025	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) meeting, hybrid
10 December 2025	FoodDrinkEurope Circular Economy ad-hoc meeting, online
11 December 2025	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly call, online
8 January 2026	Business Expert Group (BExG) Food Standards & Labelling ad hoc meeting, online
20 January 2026	CRMG meeting, online
22 January 2026	Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG) meeting, online
27 January 2026	BExG Food Standards & Labelling meeting, online

## **Documents to note**

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### **Government position/policy papers/guidance and related resources**

#### **EU exit**

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

[DBT Research and analysis: Retained EU law and assimilated law dashboard](#) (last updated 17 July 2025)

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[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](#) (last updated 4 November 2025)

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[Defra Guidance: NIRMS: how to move goods](#) (first published 31 October 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)

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[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 20 November 2025)

[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 26 November 2025)

[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 24 November 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 29 September 2025)

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[Defra: Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 21 November 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 7 November 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 24 November 2025)

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

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

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[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 29 September 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](#) (last updated 3 October 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 20 October 2025).

[Defra Guidance: Extended producer responsibility for packaging: fit and proper person](#) (first published 18 March 2025)

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

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