

Newsletter – December 2025

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Cabinet Office

Government response to independent report on Windsor Framework

On 16 December the Cabinet Office published its [response to the Independent Review of the Windsor Framework](#) and confirmed acceptance of all recommendations. The response outlines measures to improve implementation and engagement with stakeholders, including creating a “one stop shop” for businesses to access guidance and support. It reaffirms commitments to maintain smooth trade flows and protect the UK internal market.

Food safety

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New FSA resources on PBOs

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has made available a number of online resources on Precision Breeding Organisms (PBOs), including guidance on [‘What are precision bred organisms?’](#), a [technical guidance for applicants for authorisation of PBOs for food or feed](#), an [FAQ document on the application process](#) and a business guide for the [Precision Breeding Business Support Service \(BSS\)](#).



FSA consultation on market authorisation of 4 regulated food products

The FSA has published a [consultation seeking stakeholders’ views, comments and feedback in relation to four applications for Regulated Products](#): including the extension of use of one authorised novel food and three new novel food authorisations. The consultation closes on 8 February 2026.



FSA Board meeting December 2025

The FSA held its latest Board meeting on 10 December. Discussions included the FSA Position on the Codex Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL) Standard, National Level Regulation and FSA involvement in policy development and implementation of the mandatory healthy food sales reporting and targets as requested by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). The [meeting papers](#) and a [recording](#) of the meeting are now available on the FSA website. The next FSA Board meeting will take place on 25 March 2026.



FSA discussions on PAL

At its December Board meeting, the FSA agreed to [support the Codex Alimentarius approach to PAL](#), unanimously concluding that standardisation would deliver significant benefits and bolster confidence. The Board also agreed that the ED05 threshold provides a scientifically sound baseline for protecting consumers, and that stricter measures could be applied in future if necessary.

Following adoption of the Codex proposals, expected in July 2026, the FSA plans to resume implementation planning, focusing on effective communication strategies, consumer education, and additional support for SMEs.



FSA new Chief Scientific Adviser

The FSA has announced the [appointment of Professor Ian Young as its new Chief Scientific Adviser](#). Professor Young, currently Consultant Chemical Pathologist at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and Professor of Medicine at Queen's University Belfast, will join the agency part-time, stepping down from his roles as Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department of Health in Northern Ireland (NI), Director of Research for Health and Social Care in NI, and Chair of the UK Government's Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN). He succeeds Professor Robin May and will provide independent scientific advice to support the agency's work on food safety and standards.



UK Health
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UKHSA report on 2024 Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli outbreak

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published a report on its ['investigation into the UK-wide outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O145 in 2024'](#). The report found that pre-packaged sandwiches containing lettuce were the vehicle of infection and identified Apollo leaf as the likely contaminated ingredient. Key recommendations for industry include improving collaboration between public health agencies and food safety authorities and raising awareness of the risks posed by STEC.



First UK safety guidance on cell-cultivated products published



The FSA, together with Food Standards Scotland (FSS), has published the UK's first safety guidance for Cell-Cultivated Products (CCPs). The [guidance](#) confirms that CCPs produced using animal cells, sometimes called 'lab-grown meat', are defined as products of animal origin. This means that businesses must apply existing food safety regulations during the production process. The [second](#) provides guidance on allergenicity assessments and how nutritional quality will be assessed as part of the approval process for all CCPs.



Updated guidance for FBOs on novel food status

On 19 November the FSA issued an update to its [guidance for Food Business Operators \(FBOs\) on determining the Novel Food status of products in Great Britain \(GB\)](#). The key change is that the agency will no longer provide informal advice on whether a product is considered novel. The new document includes a list of resources FBOs may use to research novel food status.

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New Welsh regulations on healthy eating in schools published

On 17 December the [Healthy Eating in Schools \(Nutritional Standards and Requirements\) \(Maintained Primary Schools\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) were laid before the Welsh Senedd, establishing new and improved nutritional standards for school meals in maintained nursery and primary schools in Wales. The regulations will come into force on 31 October 2026, amending the 2013 regulations. Supporting guidance is expected in February 2026.



New NHS healthy choices quiz

The NHS has launched a new online 5-minute [Healthy Choices Quiz](#) to give people across England personalised steps to identify healthy changes, and signpost NHS resources. The quiz is aimed at supporting the government's [10 Year Health Plan](#), to shift the NHS from treating sickness to preventing it, and from analogue to digital healthcare.

GB Potatoes has already written to the NHS requesting a review of the wording related to the nutritional value of potatoes, which it believes are understated.



State of the Nation's Food Industry Report 2025 published

The Food Foundation has published its [2025 State of the Nation Food Industry report](#), assessing UK food businesses' progress towards healthy and sustainable diets. Key findings show that while all major supermarkets now have targets to increase healthy food sales, none of the 16 Out of Home businesses assessed do. The report also finds that availability of healthy choices is limited and criticises industry influence in policymaking. The report calls for swift implementation of mandatory reporting, stronger standards, and a Food Bill to drive systemic change. A recording of the launch webinar, held on 5 December, can be viewed [here](#).



CAP implementation guidance on UK LHF advertising restrictions published

The Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) has now published the [implementation guidance](#) on the upcoming UK on the Less Healthy Foods (LHF) advertising restrictions. The regulatory statement and supporting annexes can be found [here](#), including [secondary advice resources](#), which have been informed by questions raised by stakeholders during the consultation process. The LHF advertising restrictions will apply from 5 January 2026.



Webinar on upcoming changes to rules and guidance on the LHF advertising restrictions

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and CAP will run a webinar on 13 January 2026 on the upcoming changes to rules and guidance on the LHF advertising restrictions.

They will be joined by Clearcast, which will share its observations so far. This session is billed as 'ideal for anyone involved in creating, approving, or placing food and drink advertising who wants clarity and confidence in understanding the new rules'. The session will be recorded and uploaded on the ASA website for those who are unable to attend live. For more information and to sign up for the event, click [here](#).



European Commission adopts *Safe Hearts Plan*

On 16 December the European Commission (EC) adopted its [Communication on an EU Cardiovascular Health Plan, the Safe Hearts Plan](#), focussing on prevention by targeting unhealthy behaviours. For the food sector, the plan includes actions to improve dietary habits, a study on ‘so-called ultra-processed foods’, and development of a food processing assessment system to support healthier diets.



Adoption of 2025 Political Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health

On 15 December, during the 80th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, world leaders adopted the [2025 Political Declaration of the Fourth United Nations High-Level Meeting on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being](#). The declaration acknowledges the ongoing urgency of addressing non-communicable diseases and mental health, reaffirms commitments made in previous High-Level Meetings in 2011, 2014, and 2018, and emphasises the need for multi-sectoral approaches. It also calls on the private sector to contribute responsibly.

Environment and sustainability

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pEPR guidance updated

On 16 December the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) updated [its guidance on reporting periods and submissions deadline under the Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging \(pEPR\) scheme](#). The guidance now clarifies reporting dates and includes links to updated regulatory position statements in all four UK nations.



pEPR Year 2 illustrative waste disposal fees



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Also on 16 December, PackUK and Defra published new guidance on the [Year 2 illustrative waste disposal fees under the pEPR scheme](#), to provide industry early visibility of the likely waste disposal fees for Year 2 (2026 to 2027). These are likely to change as producers submit more data and compliance is monitored by regulators. Confirmed fees for Year 2 are expected to be published in June 2026.



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pEPR Closed-Loop Recycling Guidance

On 15 December Defra published new [guidance on pEPR, focusing on closed-loop recycling](#). The guidance explains how producers can meet obligations by ensuring packaging materials are collected, processed, and reused in similar applications, reducing waste and supporting a circular economy. It outlines criteria for closed-loop recycling and provides examples of acceptable practices.



UKRI publishes refreshed Environmental Sustainability Strategy

Also on 15 December, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) published its refreshed [Environmental Sustainability Strategy for 2025-2030](#). The strategy sets out UKRI’s approach to reducing environmental impacts across research and innovation activities, including commitments to achieve net zero by 2040 and embed sustainability principles throughout its operations and funding programmes.



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Government publishes Environmental Improvement Plan 2025

Defra has published its [2025 Environmental Improvement Plan \(EIP\)](#), a cross-government strategy aimed at restoring nature, improving environmental quality and security, building a circular economy, and making nature more accessible to everyone in England. The plan sets out ten goals to restore nature and outlines how these will be delivered through collaboration with partners such as landowners, farmers, businesses, communities, and individuals (see also Defra's [press release](#)).

Joint statement on Grandfathering Clause in EmpCo Directive



A group of 18 organisations have issued a [joint statement urging the European Commission \(EC\) to include a clear grandfathering clause in the Directive on Empowering Consumers \(EmpCo\) for the Green Transition](#). While supporting the Directive's aim to tackle greenwashing and strengthen consumer trust, the signatories warn that applying new rules to products already lawfully on the market would lead to unnecessary relabelling and waste. They call for a practical transition period to ensure legal certainty and allow businesses to focus on genuine sustainability improvements.



FAQs on EmpCo Directive

On 4 December the EC published its [FAQ document on the EmpCo Directive](#). The document does not specifically address the issue of the lack of a transition period/grandfathering clause, but it clarifies several aspects of the Directive.

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Colorado beetle eradicated from the UK

On 11 December Defra announced that a major potato pest, the Colorado beetle, has been officially eradicated from the UK. This achievement follows extensive surveillance and strict biosecurity measures to protect the potato industry and maintain plant health standards.



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Agricultural Land Use in the United Kingdom

Also on 11 December Defra published statistics on '[Agricultural Land Use in United Kingdom at 1 June 2025](#)', showing the utilised agricultural area remained at 16.8 million hectares, now accounting for 69% of the total area in the UK. Potato planted area rose by 7.2% to 127,000 hectares, whilst vegetable and salad crops increased by 6.7%.



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Defra launches consultation on fairer supply chains for growers

Defra has launched a consultation titled '[Contractual practice in the UK combinable crops sector](#)' to ensure growers have access to a fairer supply chain focusing on combinable crops. The proposals build on Fair Dealing reforms in the dairy, pig, egg and fresh produce sectors and aim to provide arable farmers with stronger protections against unfair practices. It closes on 4 February 2026.



HM Treasury

Changes to agricultural property relief explained

In November, HM Revenue and Customs and Defra published a news story on [changes to Agricultural Property Relief](#). This follows reforms announced at the 2024 Autumn Budget. The update outlines adjustments to the relief rules, which apply to agricultural land and property, and explains how these changes may affect eligibility and claims.



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Government announces new Farming and Food Partnership Board

Following the publication of [Baroness Minette Batters' independent Farming Profitability Review](#), the Government has announced a new Board aimed at improving closer collaboration between farming, industry and the Government, and greater clarity and certainty for farm businesses looking to grow and invest. The Board will be chaired by Environment Secretary Emma Reynolds alongside Farming Minister Dame Angela Eagle as deputy.

Plant protection products

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PRiF Rolling Reporting Data – October 2025

On 17 December the Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF) published its [Rolling Reporting Data for October 2025](#). The data confirms that 19 potato samples were taken for the UK during this period. 15 samples were detected with residues. There were no MRL exceedances.



Updated guidance on aerial application of pesticides using drones

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has updated its [guidance on securing permits for aerial application of plant protection products \(PPPs\)](#), including the use of drones. The update provides clearer instructions on applying for extrapolated trials and aerial application permits, details the information required for successful applications, and reminds operators to obtain authorisation from the Civil Aviation Authority.



HSE report on the monitoring and control of PPPs in the UK in 2024

On 17 December the HSE published its [report on the monitoring and control of Plant Protection Products \(PPPs\) in the UK in 2024](#) (UK Art. 68), describing official controls carried out in 2024 by the HSE and other enforcing authorities. In 2024, 205 potato samples were tested for 411 active substances. 3 samples exceeded the MRLs for certain pesticides. The report also mentions processed potatoes, where 36 samples were tested for 408 actives, but no exceedances were recorded.

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NFU Energy launches impact calculator for standing charges

In September 2025, the National Energy System Operator (NESO) published its forecast for changes to Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) charges, scheduled for implementation between the financial years 2026 and 2030. To help businesses assess the potential impact of these changes on standing charge costs and to demonstrate the aggregated effect on the sector to government, NFU Energy has now launched the [TNUoS Charges Impact Calculator](#). All data entered into the tool will remain anonymous.



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United Kingdom Food Security Digest 2025

On 11 December Defra published the [United Kingdom Food Security Digest 2025](#). The report provides an overview of food security indicators, including domestic production, trade, prices, and supply chain resilience. It highlights trends in food availability and affordability, as well as factors influencing long-term food security. The next report will be published towards the end of 2026. It will not be published in 2027 as it will be replaced by the triennial [Food Security Report](#).



IGD Viewpoint Report Q4 2025

The Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) has published its latest [Viewpoint Report](#), exploring market expectations for 2026. It covers new forecasts for food inflation, predictions on how the economy may develop, and how consumers may react in 2026, how the policy landscape for the food industry will develop, and food sector implications.



CMA short guide on unfair commercial practices

The Competitions and Markets Authority (CMA) has updated its [short guide on the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act](#) to reflect changes to the full guidance on unfair commercial practices, which now includes information on fake reviews, pressure selling, and others.



Polish draft Regulation on commercial quality of potatoes

On 11 December the EC published a TRIS notification from the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on a [draft Regulation introducing new categories of potatoes](#): early small potatoes (small young potatoes) and small table potatoes. The draft regulation lays down detailed requirements for the commercial quality of these products. Stakeholders have until 12 March 2026 to raise any objections against the Polish proposals.



EC targeted consultation on contaminants in seaweed

Following the publication of a scientific report in 2023 on [dietary exposure to heavy metals via consumption of seaweeds and halophytes](#), the EC has launched a targeted stakeholder consultation on new proposed Maximum Levels (MLs) for cadmium, inorganic arsenic, iodine and lead in seaweed. Please contact the PPA Secretariat if you would like to respond. The consultation closes on 16 January 2026.

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Trade Specialised Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Minutes of the 29 September meeting of the specialised committee which monitors the implementation and functioning of the sanitary and phytosanitary measures chapter of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement were recently published online [here](#).

The minutes note that, on the subject of seed potatoes, the UK reiterated the need to resume trade as soon as possible. The EU updated that they sent the draft seed potato audit report that morning but noted that this was not the only step to resume trade. The EU requested an update on the marketing applications from some member states to the UK. The UK confirmed receipt of the information and that applications are in progress. The UK confirmed that the marketing of seed potatoes falls under devolved competence.



Migration to ICS2

HM Revenue and Customs has announced that the new Import Control System 2 (ICS2) will replace existing systems for goods entering NI from the EU (ICSNI and ICS1). From 31 December 2025, hauliers and carriers must use ICS2 for entry summary (ENS) declarations, arrival notifications, and presentation of goods notifications. Please see [here](#) for guidance on how to register to use ICS2.



Business academy webinar on EU SPS requirements

On 12 February 2026 the Department for Business and Trade's (DBT) Business Academy will host a webinar titled '[Demystifying sanitary and phytosanitary requirements when selling to the EU](#)'. The session will outline the main food safety and animal health measures (Sanitary and Phytosanitary requirements) applicable when trading with the EU, explain the checks businesses may face and need to prepare for, and highlight any recent changes to this guidance.



Revised UNECE Seed Potato Standard

The UN Economic Commission for Europe has adopted a revised Standard for Seed Potatoes (S-1) as the culmination of a three-year process, led by Finland and supported by experts from Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Euroseeds.

Originally adopted in 1961, the UNECE standard S-1 for seed potatoes is the only international framework covering all key aspects of seed potato certification. It sets common terminology and minimum quality requirements for varietal identity, traceability, disease control, pest prevention, and labelling. For more details please see [here](#) and [watch this video](#).

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FDF Trade Snapshot Q3 2025

The Food and Drink Federation (FDF) has published its [Q3 2025 Trade Snapshot](#) report, outlining that food exports to the EU have dropped by almost a quarter (23.4%) over the past five years, when compared to the five-year period prior to Brexit. The FDF is urging government to engage with businesses on EU SPS agreement negotiations, support businesses in building international relationships and back FDF's ambition to grow exports by £10 billion over the next decade.



GB Potatoes AGM

GB Potatoes will hold its Annual General Meeting on 15 January 2026 at 11.30 at The Milner York, Station Road, York YO24 1AA. GB Potato members can also join online via Microsoft Teams.



Red Tractor Board Update – November 2025

In November, Red Tractor published an [update following its latest Board meeting](#). The update covers progress on governance reforms, assurance standards, and stakeholder engagement, including plans to strengthen transparency and maintain consumer trust in food assurance schemes.

Following the British Potato Industry Event 2025 in November, the organisers have now released the full programme of seminars online, both in the main BP25 website and also via a dedicated YouTube Channel [here](#).

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PPA Board

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

2026 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee

2026 dates TBC	TBC	TBC
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PPA circulars issued in December 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-Dec	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 48 2025	384/25
01-Dec	FAO/WHO review on allergens - reference dose for gluten	385/25
01-Dec	FoodDrinkEurope's position on the risk management of furan, 2-methylfuran and 3-methylfuran - Draft v5	386/25
02-Dec	FSA Position on the Codex Precautionary Allergen Labelling Standard including Allergen Thresholds	387/25
03-Dec	Plastic Packaging Tax: HMRC note on 2025 Budget	388/25
03-Dec	Scientific paper on furan and alkylfurans in food published	389/25
05-Dec	CAP guidance on LHF advertising restrictions published	390/25
05-Dec	EU provisional deal on new genomic techniques (NGTs)	391/25
05-Dec	UNICEF report “Ultra-processed Foods and Children: State-of-the-art review”	392/25
05-Dec	Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition Directive – FAQ document now available	393/ 25
08-Dec	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 49 2025	394/25
08-Dec	ACRYRED Recommendations on Benchmark and Maximum Levels	395/25
08-Dec	Agenda for the next SCoPAFF meeting on Novel Food and Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain (TOX), 15 December 2025	396/25
09-Dec	Commission mandate to EFSA on the Safety Evaluation of acetaldehyde regarding genotoxicity - EFFA external Information Letter	397/25
09-Dec	Latest EC draft amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-	398/25

	MCPD), 3-MCPD fatty acid esters and glycidyl fatty acid esters in certain foods	
09-Dec	Final FoodDrinkEurope's position on the risk management of furan, 2-methylfuran and 3-methylfuran	399/25
10-Dec	Stakeholder Consultation on the draft Regulation concerning requirements for sampling and methods analysis for autocontrols for the presence of mycotoxins and plant toxins in food	400/25
10-Dec	Update Europatat Code of Practice on Glycoalkalois	401/25
11-Dec	Publication of the European Commission Environmental simplification package	402/25
11-Dec	FSA Paper on Codex PAL Standard	403/25
11-Dec	Update on the CMO negotiations in relation to meat terminology	404/25
12-Dec	Draft PVC CIPC Report	405/25
12-Dec	FSA 'Star Chamber' - SPS Agreement Roundtable on food safety	406/25
15-Dec	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 50 2025	407/25
16-Dec	Report of the online meeting of the Environmental Contaminants Committee Working Group 25 November 2025	408/25
18-Dec	FDF Response to Consultation on Regulatory Reform	409/25
18-Dec	EU Cardiovascular Health Plan published	410/25
18-Dec	Publication of the European Commission Environmental simplification package	411/25
18-Dec	ASA/CAP webinar	412/25
19-Dec	Potato Value Chain CIPC monitoring report 2024-25	413/25
19-Dec	New Welsh Regulation on Healthy Eating in Schools	414/25
19-Dec	Monthly digest of EU legislation (December 2025)	415/25
19-Dec	Plant protection products log – December 2025	416/25
19-Dec	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: December 2025	417/25

Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
05-Dec	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 27 November 2025	259/25
05-Dec	EU provisional deal on new genomic techniques (NGTs)	260/25
10-Dec	Contaminants: Update Europatat Code of Practice on Glycoalkalois	261/25
10-Dec	Stakeholder Consultation on the draft Regulation concerning requirements for sampling and methods analysis for autocontrols for the presence of mycotoxins & plant toxins in food	262/25
11-Dec	ADAS Presentation on late blight	263/25
12-Dec	Draft PVC CIPC report	264/25
12-Dec	FSA 'Star Chamber' - SPS Agreement Roundtable on food safety	265/25
16-Dec	Report of the online meeting of the Environmental Contaminants Committee Working Group 25 November 2025	266/25
18-Dec	FDF response to DBT consultation on reducing regulatory burden for businesses	267/25
18-Dec	Commission proposal Food and Feed Safety Simplification Package adopted	268/25

19-Dec	EU Potato Value Chain CIPC monitoring report 2024-25	269/25
19-Dec	Monthly digest of EU legislation (December 2025)	270/25
19-Dec	Plant protection products log – December 2025	271/25
19-Dec	Updates from Potato Stakeholder meeting, 11 December 2025	272/25
19-Dec	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: December 2025	273/25

Upcoming events

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14-15 January 2026	CropTech/LAMMA 2026, Birmingham
27 January 2026	IFST Northern Branch conference: Closing Nutrition Gaps for Healthier Futures, Leeds
3 February 2026	FDF Sustainability Networking Breakfast, London
7 February 2026	26th SACAPP Conference, Dundee, Scotland
12 February 2026	Business academy webinar: Demystifying sanitary and phytosanitary requirements when selling to the EU, online
12 February 2026	IFST Binsted Lecture 2026: Leveraging AI in New Product Development and ensuring Food Safety and Quality, London
14 January 2026	FDF SME Food and Drink Manufacturer of the Year reception, London
25-26 February 2026	Crop Production in Northern Britain 2026: The Dundee Conference, Dundee
11-12 March 2026	PSI Potato Store Managers' Course, Rutland
25 March 2026	FDF Food and Drink Industry Dinner, London
30 Mar-1 Apr 2026	IFE 2026, London
27-29 April 2026	World Retail Congress, Berlin
20 May 2026	SDF/PSI Strategic Potato Day 2026, Holbeach St Marks, Lincs
3-4 June 2026	Europatat Congress, Radisson Collection Hotel Grand Place, Brussels
17-18 June 2026	Snackex 2026, Lisbon
18 June 2026	EUPPA General Assembly, online
1 July 2026	FDF Annual Summer Parliamentary reception, London
17 September 2026	FDF Awards, The Troxy, London
12-14 October 2026	ESA Savoury Snacks Production Course Part 3: Snack Nuts, Origin to Packet. Porto, Portugal
13-14 October 2026	EUPPA General Assembly and Committee meetings, Brussels

Industry meetings

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6 January 2026	PPA/GB Potatoes Secretariat discussion on potato nutrition and mutual support, online
7 January 2026	PPA/GB Potatoes Secretariat discussion on possible discounts for PPA members to join GB Potatoes, online
8 January 2026	Business Expert Group (BExG) Food Standards & Labelling ad hoc meeting, online
8 January 2026	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly call, online
14 January 2026	PPA/GB Potatoes/Defra catch-up, online
15 January 2026	GB Potatoes Annual General Meeting, York and online
15 January 2026	Nematicides Stewardship Programme (NSP) meeting, online
19 January 2026	PPA/Fera discussion on potato applied research, online
21 January 2026	ESA/GS1 Ad Hoc meeting on transitioning from barcodes to QR codes, online
22 January 2026	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly call, online
22 January 2026	FoodDrinkEurope Food Contact Materials WG (FCMAT), online
22 January 2026	Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG) meeting, online
27 January 2026	BExG Food Standards & Labelling meeting, online
27 January 2026	CRMG meeting, online

Documents to note

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Government position/policy papers/guidance and related resources

EU exit

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

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

[COLLECTION: Customs, VAT and excise UK transition legislation from 1 January 2021](#) (last updated 10 December 2025)

[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 3 December 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 4 December 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](#) (last updated 4 November 2025)

[NICTA website](#)

[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 2 December 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 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 16 December 2025)

[HMRC Guidance: Goods Vehicle Movement Service - service availability and issues](#) (last updated 1 December 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 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 16 December 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)

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