

Screening criteria to identify Environmental permit applications that require consultation with the Food Standards Agency.

For applications for bespoke permits and variations which entail a substantial change we will consult the Food Standards Agency on applications using a risk based approach.

Substantial change is defined in the Regulations at Schedule 5, Part 1, para 5(5). It only concerns changes which may have a significant negative effect.

The risk based approach will be to consult the Food Standards Agency on certain types of applications from the installation and waste operation sectors.

Use the table below to identify which applications require consultation with the Food Standards Agency.

Installations	Need for consultation
➔ Energy from waste	All
➔ Cement & lime	All
➔ Combustion	Only from coal or waste derived fuels
➔ Steel works	All
➔ Any plant with emissions of dioxins, cadmium, lead or mercury.	All
➔ Landfill	Only Hazardous Landfill

Waste/Installation operations	Need for consultation
➔ Composting	'Composting' activities that include wastes other than green waste or food waste.
➔ Anaerobic digestion	'Anaerobic Digestion' activities that include wastes other than green waste or food waste.
➔ Mechanical biological treatment	'MBT' activities that include wastes other than green waste or food waste.
➔ Land spreading	No – but consider the need for FSA to contribute to technical guidance.
➔ WEEE	No – but to be reviewed.

Safety measures:

The criteria will be reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with the Working Together Agreement.

We will also consult on any other application which in the professional judgement of the permitting officer has potential food safety risks associated with it, or where the permitting officer is aware of local interest or concerns (historical or current). We will provide the Food Standards Agency with a weekly list of applications we have received to enable them to request a copy for comment.

For comments on the screening criteria contact [Richard Hadley](#).