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Regulating Our
Future -
modernising food
regulation in the
UK
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What will the presentation cover?

- What is the FSA's 'Regulating Our Future' Programme all about?
- Why are we changing the way we regulate the food and feed sectors?
- What changes are we making and what benefits are these changes expected to bring?

What is 'Regulating Our Future' all about?



- Modernising how food businesses in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are regulated to check that our food is safe and what it says it is
- Building a system that is dynamic and flexible and can adapt as circumstances change and technology develops in the future

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Why are we changing the way we regulate?

- To adapt to changes in the global food economy: in what we eat, where we consume it, and how it reaches us
- To provide the sophistication needed to regulate an increasingly diverse industry and adapt to changing risks
- To respond to changing patterns of food production, trade and consumption when the UK leaves the EU
- To make sure local authorities can operate effectively despite increasing financial pressures

Principles for the changes we are making



- Businesses are responsible for producing food that is safe and what it says it is
- Regulators' decisions should be tailored and proportionate
- All available sources of information should be taken into account
- Businesses doing the right thing should be recognised and action taken against those that don't
- Businesses should meet the costs of regulation which should be no more than they need to be

What is 'Regulating Our Future' not about?



- The programme is not about changing the regulations setting out requirements that feed and food businesses must meet
- Local authorities will continue to be key to delivering regulatory controls

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Enhanced registration – what are we doing?



Enhanced
Registration

- We are building a new online service that will collect more data on new businesses
- We are updating and revising guidance for businesses on our website
- We will raise awareness of the need to register and signpost businesses to relevant guidance

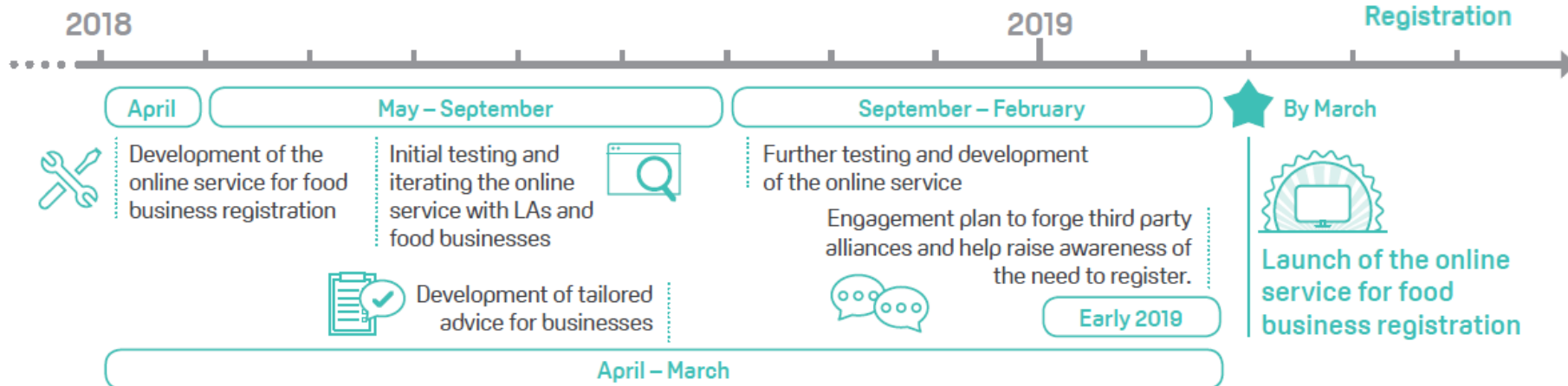


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Enhanced registration – what is our timeline?



Enhanced
Registration



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Enhanced registration – what are the benefits?



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Registration

- It will be easier for businesses to register
- It will be easier for businesses to access tailored guidance and support to help them achieve success from the start
- Real time access to more detailed information on all registered businesses will inform risk management decisions

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Segmentation – what are we doing?

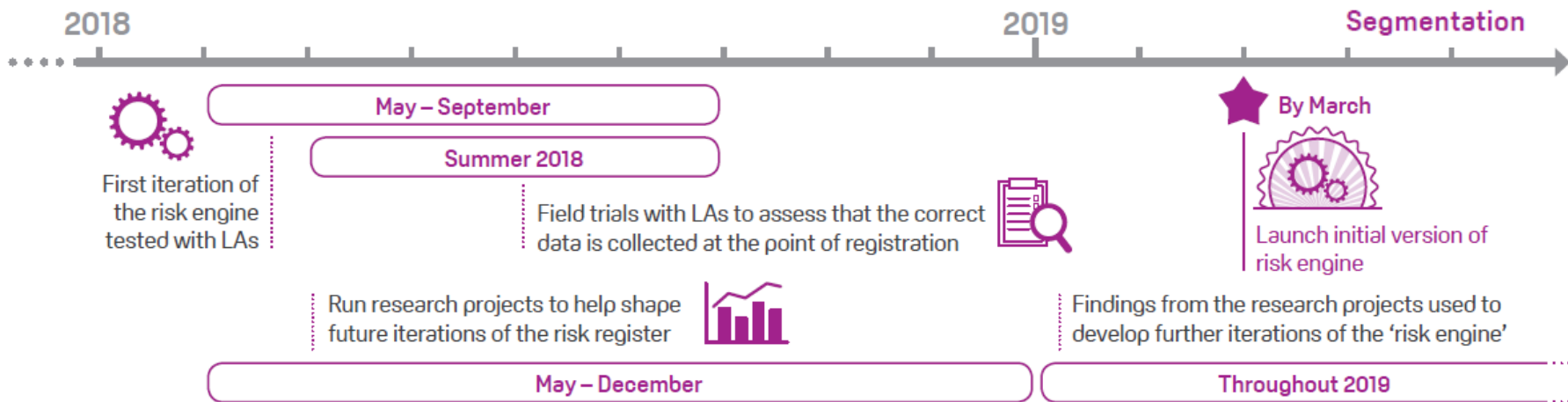


Segmentation

- We are introducing a more sophisticated and data driven way for determining risk - segmentation
- We are building a 'risk engine' which uses business rules to generate a 'risk score' used to segment businesses into categories
- The category determines the nature, frequency and intensity of official controls



Segmentation – what is our timeline?



Segmentation – what are the benefits?



Segmentation

- Reduced regulatory burden on businesses that demonstrate sustained compliance and commitment to food safety
- Increased regulatory focus on businesses that need the most support and those that refuse to fulfil their obligations
- Increased focus on timely and robust enforcement action when needed
- A system that delivers more for public health and consumer protection

Regulated Private Assurance – what are we doing?



- We are introducing more ways for businesses to provide evidence that they are doing the right thing
- For multi-site businesses, we are introducing a way of increasing the focus on controls at business level rather than routine controls at each individual outlet

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National Inspection Strategies – what are we doing?



Primary Authority,
National Inspection
Strategies (NIS)

- We are developing standards for Primary Authority National Inspection Strategies
- We have been exploring this with six Primary Authority partnerships to test how this might work in practice

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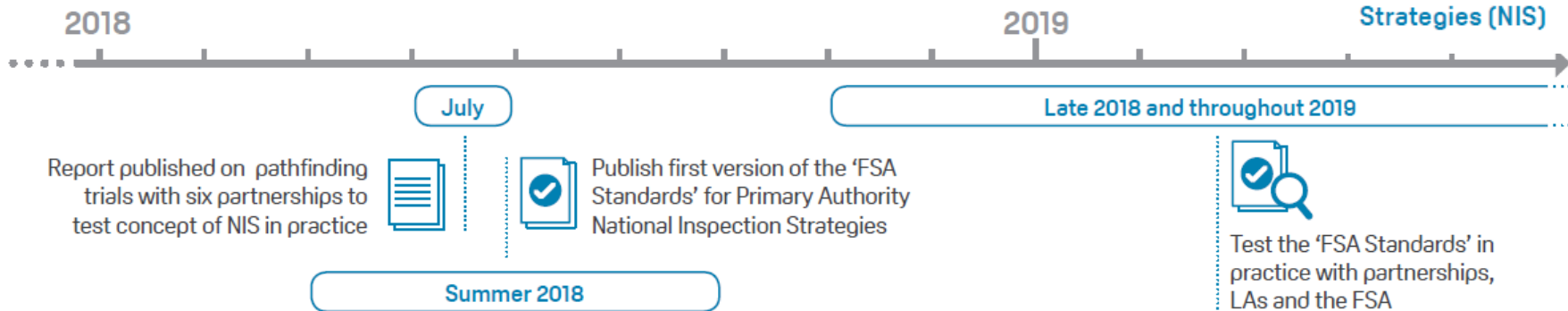
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National Inspection Strategies – what is our timeline?



Primary Authority,
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National Inspection Strategies – what are the benefits?



Primary Authority,
National Inspection
Strategies (NIS)

- Reduced regulatory burden for the business
- Reduced level and frequency of intervention required from other local authorities at individual outlets freeing up resource to focus on poorly performing businesses

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Regulated Private Assurance – what else are we doing?



- We have updated standards for those assurance schemes already recognised by the FSA
- We are developing a generic standard for 3rd party assurance schemes
- We are developing an assurance framework to ensure standards remain current, approved and accessible

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme – what are we doing?



- We recognise the interdependencies between 'Regulating Our Future' changes and the FHRS
- We are exploring how these can be managed
- We are working towards mandatory display of ratings in England

What about food standards?

- For some businesses, we are considering integrating hygiene and standards controls
- We are assessing current delivery arrangements
- We will further explore good practice and innovative delivery



Sustainable Funding

Our modernised regulatory system must still be paid for so we need a sustainable funding package that enables ongoing delivery



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Sustainable funding – who should bear the cost?

FSA principle for future regulatory model

- Businesses should meet the costs of regulation, which should be no more than they need to be



Regulatory Futures Review recommendations

- A move to greater regulated self-assurance and earned recognition
- The regulatory model should be underpinned by full cost recovery for regulatory activities



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What outcomes are we aiming for?

- Outcomes about protecting public health and preserving food safety and authenticity
- Outcomes about public trust and consumer confidence
- Outcomes that show we are becoming a better regulator

