

National Food Crime Unit

• The National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) is part of the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

• We are tasked with protecting consumers and the food industry from serious fraud and related criminality within food supply chains.





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Objectives

The Strategic objectives of the NFCU are to:

- Prevent food being rendered unsafe or inauthentic through dishonesty
- Disrupt offending and bring offenders to justice
- Build a global and domestic counter food crime capability





How We Work

- The NFCU has the remit within the FSA for tackling serious fraud and related criminality within food supply chains.
- to prevent people becoming involved in food fraud;
- to protect industry and other potentially vulnerable businesses from becoming victims of such criminality;
- to prepare by building the capacity and capability to identify and deal with food crime and
- to pursue offenders involved.





Food Crime Priority Areas

Known issues where action can be taken

Dangerous non-foods sold for consumption to UK consumers

Criminality within the red meat sector

The entry of illegal **shellfish** into the human food chain

Assessed areas of risk and intelligence gaps

Illicit food supply servicing specific community demand

The use of **e-commerce** platforms to facilitate food crime

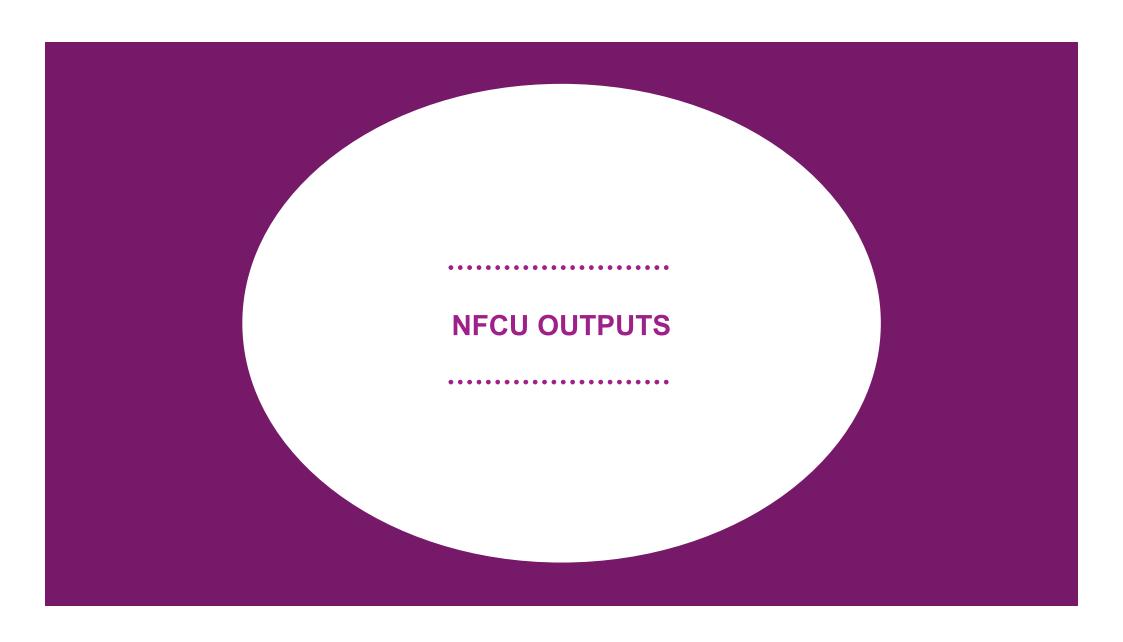
European Distribution
Fraud within the food sector

Areas of limited understanding of risk or vulnerability

Vulnerabilities to, and prevalence of, food crime within the **food service** sector







Online Food Fraud Resilience Self-Assessment Tool

Food Fraud Resilience Self-Assessment Tool guides food business owners and employees through a series of questions designed to help them identify the risk to their business from food crime, and outlines steps that they can take to mitigate this.

Can be found at: food.gov.uk





Online Food Fraud Self-Assessment Tool

- Positively received by industry
- Over 300 businesses have completed the tool since it's launch
- Increased engagement





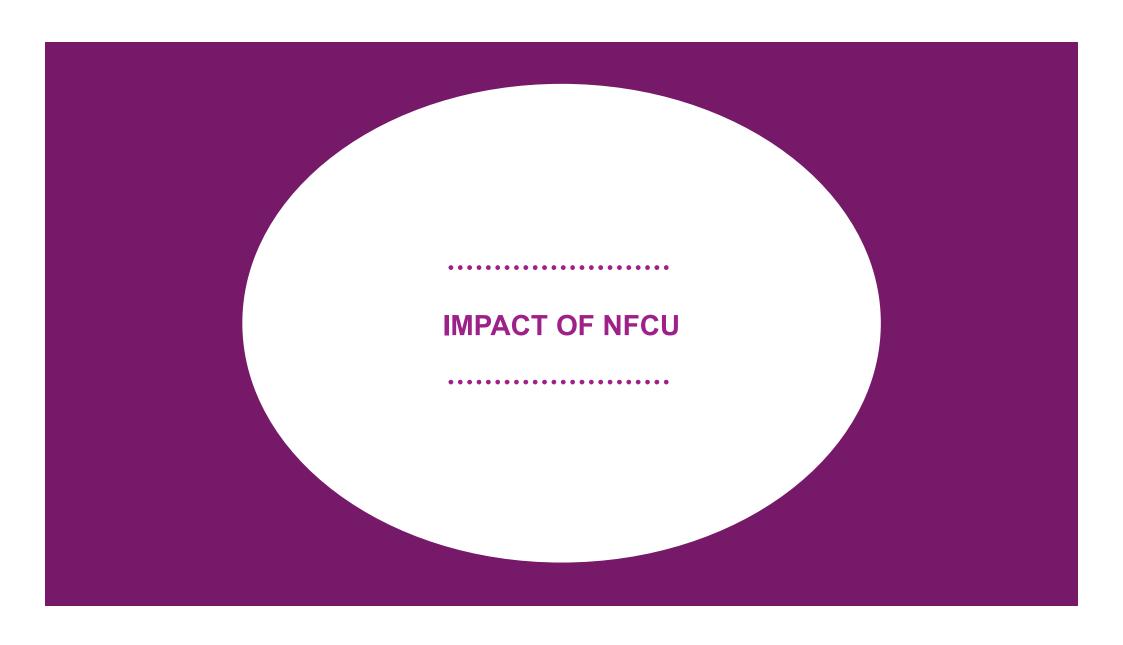
NFCU Industry Newsletter

- Available to all who work in the food industry
- Recent updates following stakeholder feedback

To receive copies of the NFCU Industry Newsletter please contact: NFCU.Outreach@food.gov.uk







Chinese Products of Animal Origin









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Methods of Sharing Information







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