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## 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

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## 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	Assessed areas of risk and intelligence gaps	Areas of limited understanding of risk or vulnerability
<b>Dangerous non-foods</b> sold for consumption to UK consumers	<b>Illicit food</b> supply servicing specific community demand	Vulnerabilities to, and prevalence of, food crime within the <b>food service</b> sector
Criminality within the <b>red meat</b> sector	The use of <b>e-commerce</b> platforms to facilitate food crime	
The entry of illegal <b>shellfish</b> into the human food chain	<b>European Distribution Fraud</b> within the food sector	

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## NFCU OUTPUTS

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## 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**



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## Online Food Fraud Self-Assessment Tool

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



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## 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](mailto:NFCU.Outreach@food.gov.uk)



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## Chinese Products of Animal Origin



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## Castlederg Deer Case



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## Methods of Sharing Information



Webform  
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Email  
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## Get in Touch

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