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# **Legislation review with developments in food and feed law**

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## Summary

This is a summary of UK legislation in food and feed law and related scientific and regulatory issues for the period from 1 January to 29 March 2022. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter. The web reports for 2021 have been combined in a single compendium.

### Secondary UK legislation.

#### [The Genetically Modified Organisms \(Deliberate Release\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2022](#)

apply in England only and amend the 2002 Regulations to define the concept of a 'qualifying higher plant', makes some amendments to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 where they are releases into the environment. These Regulations also introduce requirements for notifications by the Secretary of State.

#### [The Food \(Withdrawal of Recognition\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) \(Wales\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022](#)

Welsh title: Rheoliadau Bwyd (Tynnu Cydnabyddiaeth yn Ôl) (Diwygiadau Amrywiol a Darpariaethau Trosiannol) (Cymru) (Ymadael â'r UE) 2022 apply in Wales only, and make amendments to a number of Regulations following EU Exit with respect to exemptions previously applicable to products from the EU, namely The Bread and Flour Regulations 1998, Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards), the Milk and Milk Products (Protection of Designations) (Wales) Regulations 2008, the Products Containing Meat etc. (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Jam and Similar Products (Wales) Regulations 2018

[The Pesticides \(Revocation\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022](#) revoke a number of redundant retained EU Regulations following EU Exit.

[The Eggs \(Wales\) Regulations 2022](#) Welsh title: Rheoliadau Wyau (Cymru) 2022 make minor amendments to the Eggs (Wales) Regulations 2022 and apply in Wales only.

[The Organic Production \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#) provide a number of temporary derogations (including conditions) in organic farming systems to allow the use of non-organic when organic equivalents are unavailable.

#### [The Ammonium Nitrate Materials \(High Nitrogen Content\) Safety \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#)

made under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the Regulations amend the 2003 Regulations to enable detonation testing imported into GB to be carried out in GB or the EU at competent laboratories.

## EU Legislation

A number of new and amendments to **novel foods** have been authorised within the EU:

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/196 of 11 February 2022 authorising an extension of use and the change of the specifications of UV-treated baker's yeast \(\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae\*\) as a novel food under Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/188 of 10 February 2022 authorising the placing on the market of frozen, dried and powder forms of \*Acheta domesticus\* as a novel food under Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/187 of 10 February 2022 authorising the placing on the market of cetylated fatty acids as a novel food under Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/168 of 8 February 2022 authorising the placing on the market of pasteurised \*Akkermansia muciniphila\* as a novel food under Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/169 of 8 February 2022 authorising the placing on the market of frozen, dried and powder forms of yellow mealworm \(\*Tenebrio molitor\* larva\) as a novel food under Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/47 of 13 January 2022 authorising the placing on the market of \*Coffea arabica\* L. and/or \*Coffea canephora\* Pierre ex A.Froehner dried cherry pulp and its infusion as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/202 of 14 February 2022 correcting Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods](#)

Amendments to **pesticide** maximum residue levels can be found [here](#).

An addition has been made to EC Regulation 1151/2012 on **designations of origin**.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/144 of 2 February 2022 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications \(Ceylon cinnamon \(PGI\)\)](#)

Changes to food additive authorisations with respect to titanium dioxide.

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2022/63 of 14 January 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the food additive titanium dioxide \(E 171\)](#)

## **Agriculture**

Amendments and additions to **feed additive** authorisations can be found [here](#).

## **FAO publications.**

FAO statistics series [World food and agriculture: statistical yearbook 2021](#)

This publication offers a synthesis of the major factors at play in the global food and agricultural landscape. Statistics are presented in four thematic chapters, covering the economic importance of agricultural activities, inputs, outputs and factors of production, their implications for food security and nutrition and their impacts on the environment. The Yearbook is meant to constitute a primary tool for policy makers, researchers and analysts, as well as the general public interested in the past, present and future path of food and agriculture.