



**Government Chemist**

# **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 July to 30 September 2023. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

## Primary GB legislation

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023](#) implemented to change the way retained EU law is considered within the domestic legislative framework and revoke around 600 pieces of redundant legislation.

[Agriculture \(Wales\) Act 2023](#) makes provisions for the sustainable production of food in Wales including provision for mitigating climate change. The Act also makes provision for marketing standards for certain agricultural products. Explanatory notes are available to [order here](#).

## Secondary GB legislation

[The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2023](#) amend the 2020 Regulations, to define businesses to which the return scheme applies, and amends implementation dates.

[The Animal By-Products, Pet Passport and Animal Health \(Fees\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023](#) make amendments to certain fees payable for services relating to animal by-products. In [Welsh](#).

[The Organic Production \(Control of Imports\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023](#) make minor amendments to retained EU regulations on import of organic products regarding transitional provisions therein.

[The Windsor Framework \(Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2023](#) applies to the movement of goods between GB and NI, to allow the smooth flow of goods that are not destined for the EU.

[The Environmental Protection \(Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.\) \(England\) Regulations 2023](#) apply in England only and prohibits the supply of certain plastic and polystyrene items in the course of business and prohibits the supply of single-use plastic plates, trays or bowls, balloon sticks and cutlery. It also prohibits the supply of single use polystyrene food or drink containers and cups.

## EU Legislation

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

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1582 of 1 August 2023 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food 3'-Sialyllactose sodium salt produced by derivative strains of Escherichia coli BL21\(DE3\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1583 of 1 August 2023 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the specifications of the novel food Lacto-N-neotetraose \(microbial source\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1581 of 1 August 2023 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food 'astaxanthin-rich oleoresin from Haematococcus pluvialis algae'](#)

## **Miscellaneous other regulations:**

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1442 of 11 July 2023 amending Annex I to Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, as regards changes to substance authorisations and addition of new substances](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1674 of 19 June 2023 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2021/630 as regards the inclusion of certain spreads and preparations for making beverages containing cocoa, certain prepared foods obtained from cereals or cereal products, certain prepared foods obtained from rice and other cereals, certain chips and crisps, and certain sauces and condiments in the list of composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts and amending Annexes I and III to Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2122](#)

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

## **Agriculture**

The amendments to feed additive authorisations can be found [here](#).

## **Other publications**

### **British pharmacopoeia 2024**

The British Pharmacopoeia (BP) is the only comprehensive collection of authoritative official standards for UK pharmaceutical substances and medicinal products. It includes approximately 4,000 monographs which are legally enforced by the Human Medicines Regulations 2012. Medicinal products or active pharmaceutical ingredients sold or supplied in the UK must comply with the relevant monograph. All monographs and requirements of the European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.) are reproduced in the BP. The BP 2024 supersedes the BP 2023 and becomes legally effective on 1 January 2024. [Order here](#)

### **FAO publications**

**The state of food security and nutrition in the world 2023:** urbanization, agrifood system transformation and healthy diets across the rural-urban continuum – ISSN 2663-8061. [Order here](#)