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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 26 March 2024. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

Primary GB legislation.

No updates.

Secondary GB legislation.

[The Wine \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) make amendments to assimilated legislation relating to the marketing and oenological practices used to produce and conserve wine. Similar regulations apply in Wales, [The Wine \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2024](#) and England [The Wine \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#).

[The Official Controls \(Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) \(Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\)2019/1793\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#) amend Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls on certain food and feedstuffs entering from third countries. The controls relate to risks from inter alia Salmonella, Listeria, pesticide residues and aflatoxin. Similar regulations apply in Wales, [The Official Controls \(Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) \(Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\)2019/1793\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2024](#).

[The Windsor Framework \(Democratic Scrutiny\) Regulations 2024](#) insert a new schedule into the Northern Ireland Act 1998 relating to the involvement of institutions of the Belfast Agreement. The regulations apply to the whole of the UK.

Additionally, [The Windsor Framework \(UK Internal Market and Unfettered Access\) Regulations 2024](#) amends the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 and the Definition of Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 to provide unfettered access for qualifying Northern Ireland goods moving to other parts of the UK. The regulations provide further detail on procedures for moving goods between NI and the rest of the UK and make a number of amendments to the definition of 'qualifying Northern Ireland goods'.

[The Windsor Framework \(Implementation\) Regulations 2024](#) make further provision for the implementation and observing of relevant provisions of the Windsor Framework.

[The Biocidal Products \(Health and Safety\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provision etc.\) Regulations 2024](#) amend EU Regulation 528/2012 with regards to information requirements for active substance applications and biocidal products applications in line with scientific and technical advances.

[The Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) amend the requirements for import conditions for the import of meat preparations from third countries.

EU Legislation

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/248 of 16 January 2024 amending Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards iron hydroxide adipate tartrate used in the manufacture of food supplements](#)

[Commission Recommendation \(EU\) 2024/907 of 22 March 2024 on the monitoring of nickel in food.](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/885 of 20 March 2024 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2782 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the control of the levels of mycotoxins in food as regards the method of sampling for dried herbs, herbal infusions \(dried product\), teas \(dried product\) and powdered spices.](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/374 of 24 January 2024 amending Annex II to Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the title of the food categories of alcoholic beverages and the use of several additives in certain alcoholic beverages.](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/346 of 22 January 2024 amending Annex II to Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2012 as regards the use of trimagnesium dicitrate in food supplements.](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/256 of 17 January 2024 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1158 on the conditions governing imports of food and feed originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station.](#)

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

Agriculture

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/887 of 22 March 2024 amending Annexes IV, VIII and IX to Regulation \(EC\) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards animal feeding, placing on the market and importation into the Union.](#)

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

This Guide is intended for use by those working in the food and animal feed enforcement areas and is intended as a summary of changes in relevant legislation over the stated period. It is particularly aimed at public analysts, trading standards and environmental health officers working in food and feed enforcement.