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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 27 March 2025. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

Primary GB legislation.

No updates.

Secondary GB legislation.

[The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Marketing Standards and Organic Products\) \(Transitional Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) amend transitional provisions in assimilated legislation and subordinate legislation, in respect of Great Britain, by extending the current transitional arrangements concerning the requirements that apply to imported products until 1st February 2027. In addition, regulation 6 also replaces references to legislation applicable in the EU, for the purposes of provisions under which imported goods may be certified to equivalent EU standards, so as to keep those references up-to-date following legislative changes within the EU and updates the contact information of the Australian Agency authorised to issue hops import certifications.

[The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2025](#) make an amendment to the legislation relating to the marketing of eggs as free-range in the event of measures being adopted which restrict continuous daytime access of laying hens to open-air runs in order to protect public or animal health. Similar Regulations apply to Wales [The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) and in [Welsh](#).

[The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2025](#) These Regulations amend or revoke various provisions of subordinate legislation and assimilated direct legislation in consequence of the following provisions of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28).

[The Bread and Flour \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) These Regulations make provision in relation to bread and flour that is to be sold in, or imported or moved into, Wales. These Regulations revoke and replace (with amendments) the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/141) insofar as those regulations apply in relation to Wales and in [Welsh](#).

[The Official Controls \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) These Regulations amend Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. They also amend numerous assimilated EU Regulations.

[The Food Crime Officers \(Complaints and Misconduct\) Regulations 2025](#) These Regulations provide for the basis on which the Director of the Independent Office for Police Conduct has oversight of complaints and other matters relating to the conduct of food crime officers (as defined by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984) of the Food Standards Agency.

[The Persistent Organic Pollutants \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 7(6), 15(1), 15(2), and 18(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants EUR 2019/1012 and make amendments to existing entries for a number of substances, and adds a number of new substances subject to waste management provisions.

[The Food and Feed \(Regulated Products\) \(Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) The Regulations amend, revoke and replace various provisions in secondary assimilated law, including amendments to feed additives; food additives; food enzymes

and food flavourings; food contact materials; products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified organisms; novel foods and smoke flavourings.

EU Legislation

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/351 of 21 February 2025 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, amending Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1616 on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foods, and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 282/2008, and amending Regulation \(EC\) No 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practice for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food as regards recycled plastic and other matters related to quality control and manufacturing of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/352 of 21 February 2025 amending Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards calcidiol monohydrate used in the manufacture of food supplements](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/140 of 29 January 2025 amending Annex I to Regulation \(EC\) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the inclusion of \(E\)-3-benzo\[1,3\]dioxol-5-yl-N,N-diphenyl-2-propenamide in the Union list of flavourings](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/320 of 11 February 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/125 of 20 January 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/203 of 28 January 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/446 of 28 February 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/361 of 17 February 2025 amending Annexes V, XIV and XV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Bosnia and Herzegovina, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, and of meat products from poultry](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/499 of 11 March 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/80 of 13 January 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United](#)

[Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/267 of 4 February 2025 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds](#)

Amendments to **novel foods** legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/167 of 30 January 2025 authorising the placing on the market of glucosyl hesperidin as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/97 of 21 January 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use and the specifications of the novel food isomalto-oligosaccharide](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/153 of 29 January 2025 authorising the placing on the market of Lemna minor and Lemna gibba plants as novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/89 of 20 January 2025 authorising the placing on the market of UV-treated powder of whole Tenebrio molitor larvae \(yellow mealworm\) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

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

Agriculture

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

The Guide is intended for use by all who are involved in the design, implementation or monitoring of school programmes and policies and most particularly, for those interested in taking legislative action (law making or law reform) to develop or strengthen national legislation to improve food security and nutrition in schools as well as community development.

In particular, the Guide is intended for:

- Policy makers
- Parliamentarians
- Legal advisers
- Law practitioners
- Advocates for improved food security and nutrition in schools.