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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 28 March to 24 June 2025. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

Primary GB legislation.

No updates.

Secondary GB legislation.

[The Food \(Promotion and Presentation\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) set out restrictions on the promotion and presentation of specified food products. The foods to which these regulations apply to are defined, as are the business types including on-line businesses. The regulations are also available in [Welsh](#).

[The Genetic Technology \(Precision Breeding\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2025](#) bring into force certain provisions of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023.

[The Genetic Technology \(Precision Breeding\) Regulations 2025](#) introduce detailed requirements for the release of precision bred organisms (PBO's). The regulations require the applicant to provide specified information including details of the organisation responsible for the PBO, a description of the organism, details of the intended genetic changes including how they alter the characteristics of the PBO. The regulations also provide for a precision breeding register. The regulations also prohibit the placing on the market food produced from PBO's where certain conditions are not met, including having authorisation for the PBO, meeting any conditions within the authorisation and the PBO has a 'history of safe use'.

EU Legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/854 of 7 May 2025 concerning a coordinated multiannual control programme of the Union for 2026, 2027 and 2028 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin and repealing Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/989](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1150 of 11 June 2025 amending Annex III to Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sodium ascorbate \(E 301\) in vitamin A preparations intended for infant formula and follow-on formula](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/652 of 2 April 2025 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council and Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2012 as regards the use of Steviol glycosides produced by fermentation using *Yarrowia lipolytica*](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/666 of 4 April 2025 amending Annex II and Annex III to Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, cellulose gum \(E 466\) and the Annex to Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2012 as regards specifications for cellulose \(E 460\), methyl cellulose \(E 461\), ethyl cellulose \(E 462\), hydroxypropyl cellulose \(E 463\), hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose \(E 464\), ethyl methyl cellulose \(E 465\), sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, cellulose gum \(E 466\), cross-linked sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, cross linked cellulose gum \(E 468\) and enzymatically hydrolysed carboxy methyl cellulose \(E 469\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/883 of 14 May 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2325 as regards the recognition of certain third countries and control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of importing organic products into the Union](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/651 of 2 April 2025 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 as regards the use of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids \(E 471\) and carnauba wax \(E 903\) as](#)

[glazing agents on certain fresh fruit and cassavas and of lecithins \(E 322\) and fatty acids \(E 570\) as carriers in glazing agents on cassavas](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1112 of 4 June 2025 amending Annex I to Regulation \(EC\) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the inclusion of Naringenin and 2-methyl-1-\(2-\(5-\(p-tolyl\)-1H-imidazol-2-yl\)piperidin-1-yl\)butan-1-one in the Union list of flavourings](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/973 of 23 May 2025 amending and correcting Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1165 authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/882 of 14 May 2025 amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1378 as regards the recognition of certain control bodies in accordance with Article 46 of Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as competent to carry out controls and issue organic certificates in third countries for the purpose of imports of organic products into the Union](#)

Amendments to **novel foods** legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/688 of 9 April 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food Schizochytrium sp. \(FCC-3204\) oil](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/691 of 9 April 2025 authorising the placing on the market of vitamin D2 mushroom powder as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/682 of 8 April 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the specifications of the novel food partially defatted rapeseed powder from Brassica rapa L. and Brassica napus L.](#)

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

Agriculture

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/782 of 23 April 2025 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 152/2009 as regards the determination of carbonates in feed](#)

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.