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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 October to 31 December 2025. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

Primary GB legislation.

No updates.

Secondary GB legislation.

[The Organic Production \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) make a number of minor amendments to the Organic Production Regulations.

[The Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#) make minor amendments to the poultrymeat Regulations and are also available in [Welsh](#).

Amendments are also made to the Scottish Regulations, [The Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

[The Food \(Promotion and Placement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) provide for restrictions to the promotion and placement of certain foods and drink that are less healthy. The Regulations define these foods and the businesses to which they apply to, and detail the restrictions placed on such foods.

[The Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) detail the foods which are subject to increased official controls and the frequency of checks. 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 2025](#) and in [Welsh](#).

Other relevant articles.

The FSA have published their position on allergen thresholds, the paper can be found [here](#).

Updates to Standards.

The following British and International Standards are published and can be obtained from BSI.

BS EN 18032:2025 Foodstuff. Quick Method for the Analysis of Multiple Highly Polar Pesticides and their Metabolites in Foodstuff Involving Extraction with Acidified Methanol and Measurement by LC- or IC-MS/MS (QuPPe-Method).

ISO 18731:2025 Spices and condiments. Seasoning oil of Zanthoxyli pericarpium. Specification.

ISO 11746-2 Rice. Determination of biometric characteristics of kernels. image analysis method.

EU Legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2658 of 23 December 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 \(EU\) 2025/2639 of 18 December 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](#)

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[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2501 of 11 December 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1165 as regards the use of certain products and substances in organic production](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2444 of 2 December 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2058 as regards the special rate of official controls for the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of consignments of certain retail goods](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2225 of 5 November 2025 amending Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards magnesium L-threonate as a source of magnesium used in the manufacture of food supplements](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2224 of 5 November 2025 amending Annex II to Regulation \(EC\) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards monosodium salt of L-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid as a source of folic acid added to foods and as a source of folate used in the manufacture of food supplements](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2222 of 4 November 2025 refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2223 of 4 November 2025 refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2084 of 17 October 2025 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of quillaia extract \(E 999\) and Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 231/2012 as regards the specifications for quillaia extract \(E 999\)](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2058 of 14 October 2025 amending Annexes II and III and correcting Annex II to Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards foods intended for particular nutritional uses](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2060 of 14 October 2025 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sorbic acid \(E 200\) and potassium sorbate \(E 202\) in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2017 of 8 October 2025 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2016/127 as regards the protein-related requirements for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates](#)

Changes to **genetically modified organism** authorisations:

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2554 of 16 December 2025 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 8555\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2542 of 16 December 2025 on renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape MON 88302 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 7875\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2544 of 16 December 2025 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DAS1131 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 7934\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2541 of 16 December 2025 on renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 8558\)](#)

Amendments to **novel foods** legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2242 of 7 November 2025 authorising the placing on the market of yellow tomato extract as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2233 of 6 November 2025 authorising the placing on the market of Clostridium butyricum TO-A as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2245 of 7 November 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food Schizochytrium sp. \(ATCC PTA-9695\) oil](#)

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

Agriculture

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2208 of 31 October 2025 amending the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC as regards the BSE status of certain regions of the United Kingdom \(notified under document C\(2025\) 7264\)](#)

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.