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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 24 March 2026. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

Primary GB legislation.

No updates.

Secondary GB legislation.

[The Breakfast Foods \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2026](#) implement the breakfast directive, amending the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Jam and Similar Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 the Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and the Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 making the amendments required by the breakfast directive (Council Directive 2024/1438).

The [Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2026](#) add the aforementioned mineral to the list of permitted forms of magnesium for use in food supplements, and set purity criteria. The regulation is also available in [Welsh](#) with the Scottish equivalent: [The Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

Other relevant articles.

[The Cosmetic Products Regulation \(EC\) No 1223/2009 \(Restriction of Chemical Substances\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026](#) amend and prohibit certain chemicals for use in cosmetic products. Further amendments are made by [The Cosmetic Products Regulation \(EC\) No 1223/2009 \(Restriction of Chemical Substances\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026](#)

[The REACH \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#) amend the use of lead and its compounds in specified circumstances including derogations.

EU Legislation

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2026/250 of 2 February 2026 correcting Regulation \(EU\) 2024/3190 on the use of bisphenol A \(BPA\) and other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives with harmonised classification for specific hazardous properties in certain materials and articles intended to come into contact with food](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2026/245 of 2 February 2026 amending Annex I to Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011 as regards the authorisation or the conditions of use of several substances](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2026/343 of 6 October 2025 supplementing Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for poultrymeat, and repealing Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 543/2008](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/344 of 6 October 2025 laying down rules for the application of Regulation \(EU\) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for poultrymeat](#)

Changes to **genetically modified organism** authorisations:

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/457 of 27 February 2026 authorising the placing on the market of food, food ingredients and feed produced from genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/315 of 11 February 2026 revoking the authorisation for the placing on the market of food and feed products produced from, products consisting of or containing genetically modified oilseed rapes Ms8 × Rf3 × GT73, Ms8 × GT73 and Rf3 × GT73](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/518 of 10 March 2026 renewing the authorisation for placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize T25 \(ACS-ZMØØ3-2\)](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/485 of 27 February 2026 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize NK603](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/521 of 10 March 2026 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614 × LLCotton25](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/522 of 10 March 2026 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton T304-40](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/517 of 10 March 2026 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean DBN-09004-6](#)

Amendments to **novel foods** legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/386 of 20 February 2026 authorising the placing on the market of defatted rapeseed powder as a novel food](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/391 of 23 February 2026 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use and the specific labelling requirements of the novel food pasteurised Akkermansia muciniphila](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/397 of 23 February 2026 authorising the placing on the market of lacto-N-tetraose produced by a derivative strain of Escherichia coli K-12 MG1655 \(ATCC 700926\) as a novel food](#)

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

Amendments to **food additives regulations** can be found [here](#).

Agriculture

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

Other publications.

Updates to Standards.

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

ISO 7889:2026 Yoghurt. Enumeration of characteristic microorganisms. Colony-count technique.

ISO 16958:2026 Milk, milk products, infant formula and adult nutritional's. Determination of fatty acids composition. Capillary gas chromatographic method.

ISO 24914:2026 Microbiology of the food chain. Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) for the detection of microorganisms and associated genetic markers. General requirements and definitions.

ISO/TS 21569-6:2026 Horizontal methods for molecular biomarker analysis. Methods of analysis for the detection of genetically modified organisms and derived products. Real-time PCR based screening methods for the detection of cry1Ab/Ac and Pubi-cry DNA sequences.

FAO Publications.

The FAO have published a legal paper: '**Regulatory frameworks for cell-based food and precision fermentation-derived food products**' which is available [here](#).

Other papers.

The UK Government has published its **PFAS** plan, which 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.