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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 25 March to 29 June 2026. Other relevant technical updates are listed thereafter.

Primary GB legislation.

No updates.

Secondary GB legislation.

[The Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers \(Wales\) Regulations 2026](#) provide detailed rules for a deposit scheme to support the reuse and recycling of drink containers. And in [Welsh](#).

[The Nutrition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#) permit the use of the mineral substance, magnesium L-threonate monohydrate, as a source of magnesium in the manufacture of food supplements.

[The Windsor Framework \(Retail Movement Scheme: Plant Health\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#) implement certain aspects of the Windsor Framework with regards to agriculture and forestry.

[The Jam and Similar Products \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2026](#) amend the Jam and Similar Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 to implement the amendments made by the Breakfast Directive to the compositional criteria of jelly and extra jelly.

Other relevant articles.

The list of [legislation](#) affected by the proposed SPS agreement has been published by Defra.

The EU have published rules for plants obtained by [new genomic techniques](#).

EU Legislation

[Commission Recommendation \(EU\) 2026/1241 of 11 June 2026 on monitoring the presence of quinolizidine alkaloids in lupins and lupin-derived food](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/765 of 1 April 2026 on the methods of sampling and analysis, and on the interpretation of results for the official control of pesticide residues in and on food and feed of plant and animal origin](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2026/743 of 30 March 2026 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2016/127 as regards the protein-related requirements for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1388 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2026 on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their products, and amending Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#)

Changes to **genetically modified organism** authorisations:

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/738 of 27 March 2026 revoking the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87403 and repealing Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2019/1307](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/739 of 27 March 2026 revoking the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87419 and repealing Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2023/2134](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/1185 of 2 June 2026 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 94637 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council](#)

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2026/1125 of 26 May 2026 terminating the procedures for renewing the authorisations for the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton MON 88913 \(MON-88913-8\), MON 15985 \(MON-15985-7\), MON 1445 \(MON-Ø1445-2\), MON 531 × MON 1445 \(MON-ØØ531-6 x MON-Ø1445-2\) and MON 531 \(MON-ØØ531-6\)](#)

Amendments to **novel foods** legislation

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1219 of 9 June 2026 authorising the placing on the market of inulin-propionate ester as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1306 of 11 June 2026 authorising the placing on the market of rhamnogalacturonan-I enriched carrot extract \(cRG-I\) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1378 of 23 June 2026 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use and the specifications of the novel food *Jatropha curcas* L. \(edible variety\) kernels](#)

Amendments to **maximum residue levels** 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.

BS EN ISO 18862:2025 Coffee and coffee products. Determination of acrylamide. Methods using high-performance liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometric detection (HPLC-MS/MS) and gas chromatography with mass spectrometric detection (GC-MS) after derivatization.

ISO 4149:2025 Green coffee. Olfactory and visual examination and determination of foreign matter and defects.

ISO 18862:2025 Coffee and coffee products. Determination of acrylamide. Methods using high-performance liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometric detection (HPLC-MS/MS) and gas chromatography with mass spectrometric detection (GC-MS) after derivatization.

BS EN ISO 12966-4:2026 Animal and vegetable fats and oils. Gas chromatography of fatty acid methyl esters. Determination by capillary gas chromatography.

ISO 12966-4:2026 Animal and vegetable fats and oils. Gas chromatography of fatty acid methyl esters. Determination by capillary gas chromatography.

ISO 25184:2026 Molecular biomarker analysis. Nucleotide sequencing. Verified next generation sequences (VNGS).

ISO 29822-2:2026 Vegetable fats and oils. Determination of the content and relative amounts of 1,2- and 1,3-diacylglycerols. Isolation by solid phase extraction (SPE).

FAO Publications

No update.

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.