

# Newsletter – April 2026

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## Government

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### Parliament call for evidence on UK-EU trade

The Business and Trade Committee has issued a [call for evidence on UK trade with the EU](#), seeking views on the UK–EU reset, regulatory alignment and divergence, future cooperation frameworks, economic security, and business engagement. The Committee is inviting submissions from businesses, trade associations and other stakeholders by 18 May.

## Food safety

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### NFCU Control Strategy and strategic intelligence update published

On 22 April the National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) published its [Control Strategy priorities for 2026/27](#). The Control Strategy sets out key areas of focus to prevent, detect and disrupt food crime in the areas of adulteration and substitution of Products Of Animal Origin (POAO), waste diversion including animal by products handling within POAO and feed supply chains and other supply chains areas presenting high levels of authenticity risk in the UK, including edible oils, honey and products protected by Geographical Indications (GIs).



### ScreenFood webinar to examine PPWR food safety requirements

On 11 May the ScreenFood project will host an [online webinar examining the implications of the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation \(PPWR\)](#) for food safety. The session will provide an overview of PPWR requirements for food contact packaging, with a particular focus on substances of concern, including upcoming PFAS limits due to apply from August 2026, and will explore current analytical approaches to compliance.

# Health and wellbeing

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## UKRI report on Public dialogue on UPFs

Following a webinar on 16 April, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) published a [report from its 'Making sense of ultra-processed foods \(UPFs\)' public dialogue](#), which was commissioned to inform future UKRI research priorities and programmes. The report identifies priority areas for further research on the health and environmental impacts of UPFs, people's interactions with UPFs, and wider structural factors within the food system affecting UPF production and consumption. UKRI are developing a Strategic Action Plan on Food, that will feed into the Food Strategy for England.



Department  
for Education

## Consultation on England School Food Standards launched



Office for Health  
Improvement  
& Disparities

On 13 April the Department for Education (DfE) together with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) published a new [consultation on proposals to update the legal framework on the England School Food Standards](#). The Standards will cover the whole school day, including a specific set of standards for breakfast. They include changes to increase fibre, reduce sugars and restrict foods which are High in Fat, Sugar and Salt (HFSS), and is aimed at ensuring these appear less often or in controlled portions. The proposals also restrict the use of non-sugar sweeteners and other changes. The consultation closes on 12 June.



## School Food Project launches to support delivery of new School Food Standards

A coalition of five food and education organisations, including Bite Back, Jamie Oliver Group and the Food Foundation, have launched the [School Food Project](#), a new initiative to support schools in delivering high-quality food and food education in line with the new School Food Standards. From September 2026, the project will provide practical, free-to-access support through a national online hub, including guidance, training and resources for caterers, school staff and the wider school community



## ASA and CAP publish 2025 Annual Report

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and the Committees of Advertising Practice (CAP) have published their [2025 Annual Report](#), setting out regulatory activity and priorities across the UK advertising system. The report highlights increased use of AI-assisted monitoring, progress on enforcing Less Healthy Food (LHF) advertising rules, influencer marketing, misleading green claims, and advertising that may cause harm to children and other vulnerable audiences. Looking ahead, the ASA and CAP signal plans for 2026, including expanded use of AI-assisted monitoring, formalising platform accountability arrangements, and continued implementation of LHF advertising rules.



## Welsh HFSS promotion restrictions come into force

On 31 March the Welsh Government (WG) published its implementation guidance on the [Healthy Eating in Schools \(Nutritional Standards and Requirements\) \(Maintained Primary Schools\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2025](#), which will come into force on 31 October 2026.



## SAFE report calls for stronger regulation of HFSS marketing to children

On 26 March the lobbying group Safe Food Advocacy Europe (SAFE) published a report, in partnership with Healthy Food Healthy Planet, examining [the regulation of marketing of HFSS food to children](#). Drawing on evidence from seven countries, including the UK, the report claims to identify gaps in existing regulatory frameworks and makes recommendations for stronger protections, including tighter restrictions on HFSS marketing, improved enforcement and clearer accountability for large food companies.

## Food labelling and composition

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### Defra to host GI Conference 2026

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has announced that its [Geographical Indication Conference 2026](#) will take place on 3 July in London. The one-day, in-person event is aimed at bringing together producers, prospective producers, officials and industry stakeholders to discuss growth and awareness of the UK GI scheme, share insights on maximising the value of a GI, and provide opportunities for networking. A full agenda will be published in due course.

## Environment and sustainability

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### Defra publishes updated guidance on packaging waste reporting

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

On 31 March Defra published new [guidance setting out how reprocessors and exporters](#) must record and report packaging waste data under Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging (pEPR). The guidance explains reporting timelines, data requirements and record-keeping obligations, including new monthly and quarterly reporting processes.



### Simpler household recycling rules come into force in England

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

On 31 March new [Simpler Recycling](#) rules came into force across England, introducing consistent requirements for household waste and recycling collections. Under the changes, waste collectors must separately collect food and garden waste, paper and card, other dry recyclable materials, and residual waste, with some flexibility for local authorities. The measures are intended to reduce confusion for households, improve recycling rates and support the transition to a more circular economy.



### WRAP launches UK Packaging Pact to support circular packaging system

On 21 April WRAP officially launched the [UK Packaging Pact](#), a new ten-year voluntary agreement bringing together businesses, government and organisations across the value chain to drive a more circular approach to packaging. The Pact, which succeeds the UK Plastics Pact, expands its scope to all packaging materials and aims to support more sustainable packaging, reduce waste and costs, and help shape future policy and regulatory systems through coordinated industry action.



## CEN standard on design for recycling of plastic packaging published

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) has published [EN 18120-1:2026](#), the first part of a new European standard series on design for recycling of plastic packaging. The standard establishes a harmonised framework and terminology for recyclable packaging design across Europe and will act as the technical backbone supporting implementation of the PPWR, which requires harmonised EU criteria for recyclable packaging and a recyclability assessment method, with adoption by national bodies required by October 2026.

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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Farm business management practices in England statistics published

On 30 April Defra published [statistics on farm business management practices in England for 2024/25](#), based on the Farm Business Survey covering the period 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025. The publication aims to provide insights into how farmers manage their businesses, including approaches to business planning, benchmarking, risk management, accessing advice and succession planning.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Biodiversity Net Gain updates for farmers

Defra has announced [updates to Biodiversity Net Gain \(BNG\)](#), including plans to exempt small developments of 0.2 hectares or less, such as some agricultural buildings, from BNG requirements from July 2026. Mandatory BNG will also apply to major infrastructure projects from November 2026, which could create new income opportunities for farmers and land managers able to provide biodiversity units, while a consultation on exempting residential development on brownfield land closes on 10 June 2026.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Deadline approaching for Farming Equipment and Technology Fund applications

Defra is reminding farmers, growers and foresters that applications for the [Farming Equipment and Technology Fund \(FETF\)](#) close at midday on 12 May. The scheme offers grants of £1,000 to £25,000 across three themes: productivity, slurry management, and animal health and welfare, with £50 million available to support investment in equipment, technology and infrastructure.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

### Defra opens Farming Innovation Investor Partnerships competition

Defra has announced that the [Farming Innovation Investor Partnerships](#) competition will open on 11 May and close on 17 June. The programme supports near-market agricultural innovations through a combination of public funding and private investment, with the aim of helping new, practical solutions reach farms.

### Defra statistics on agricultural land ownership 2025



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

On 21 April Defra published its 2025 statistics on [‘Agricultural land ownership and tenure in England’](#). This data series shows agricultural land areas which are owned/rented and the tenancy structures of holdings in England at 1 June each year.



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## Farm Practices Survey consultation conclusions published

On 16 April Defra published the [conclusions and next steps following its consultation on the future of the Farm Practices Survey](#). The response confirms that the survey will continue annually from February 2026 in a more streamlined format, but due to resource and capacity constraints, future outputs will focus on key indicators and high-level results rather than the detailed annual dataset historically published alongside the survey.



Environment  
Agency

## EA delays response to water abstraction consultation

The Environment Agency (EA) has announced a delay in publishing its response to its [November 2025 consultation on reserving water abstraction rights](#), following a high volume of feedback from stakeholders including PPA, the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) and GB Potatoes. The response is now expected to be published on GOV.UK on 22 June 2026.



Environment  
Agency

## Lowland Peat Water Discovery Grant open for applications

On 8 April, the EA opened applications for the [Lowland Peat Water Discovery Grant](#), offering funding to support collaborative projects exploring more sustainable water management in lowland peat areas. The scheme provides up to £4.5 million in total, with individual projects typically receiving £50,000 to £300,000, and is designed to help farmers and partners develop plans to raise and manage water tables to improve soil resilience and long-term agricultural sustainability.



## EFSA Plant Health Newsletter on horizon scanning published

On 30 March, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published its [February 2026 Plant Health Newsletter on horizon scanning](#), covering emerging plant health risks and developments relevant to agriculture and food systems. Of potential relevance to members, the newsletter includes reference to the *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex, a quarantine pest, and an article on an interactive dashboard covering taxonomic, geographic and host information, with hosts including potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) and peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*).

## Plant protection products

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## Call for data on CIPC residues in potato storage

The CIPC (Chlorpropham) Residues Monitoring Group (CRMG) is calling on industry to submit data on residual contamination in potato stores to support the ongoing temporary Maximum Residue Level (tMRL) of 0.35 mg/kg. While recent results show residue levels continuing to decline and remain within limits, regulators require robust and representative data to maintain the current position, with a particular focus on potatoes stored for at least 60 days in facilities with historic CIPC use. Members are encouraged to submit anonymised test results to help ensure continued compliance and protect UK potato storage capacity by [emailing Adrian](#) at Potato Storage Insight (PSI) or by visiting the [GB Potatoes website](#).



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for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## PRiF January & February Rolling Report published

On 24 April, Defra published the results of the [Pesticide residues in food \(PRiF\): January & February 2026 Rolling Report](#). A total of 22 potato samples from the UK were analysed, with no maximum residue level (MRL) exceedances recorded. While residues were detected in several samples, all were within legal limits, and four samples contained no detectable residues.

## Groceries supply chain

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### **UK trade in food, feed and drink 2025 statistics published**

On 30 April Defra published [provisional 2025 statistics on UK trade in food, feed and drink](#). Amongst other facts, the report shows exports increased by 5% to £25.7 billion in current prices but fell by 0.9% in real terms, while imports increased by 6% to £67.8 billion in current prices and by 5% in real terms, after adjusting for trade price inflation.



UK Government

### **Groceries Code Adjudicator to move to Defra**

On 7 April the UK Government announced that [responsibility for the Groceries Code Adjudicator \(GCA\) will transfer from the Department for Business and Trade \(DBT\) to Defra](#) from 1 July 2026. The move is intended to support a more joined-up approach to food supply chain fairness and follows a recommendation from the Farming Profitability Review. The Government confirmed that the GCA will remain fully independent, with no change to its statutory role or enforcement powers.



### **Soil Association Organic Market Report 2026 published**

The Soil Association has published its [Organic Market Report 2026](#), showing that the UK organic food and drink market grew by 4.2% in 2025 to reach £3.9 billion, marking its fourteenth consecutive year of growth. The report highlights stronger growth in major retail compared to other channels, with organic volumes increasing faster than non-organic, while ongoing cost-of-living pressures continue to influence consumer behaviour. It also notes that despite rising demand, organic remains a small share of the overall market and faces challenges including limited support for organic farmers, rising costs and barriers to expansion.

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### **GB Plant Health import requirements updated**

Defra's Plant Health Service has introduced [legislation](#) updating plant health import requirements across GB to strengthen biosecurity controls for selected pests and goods. The changes cover *Bactrocera latifrons* for certain Solanum and Capsicum fruits from Taiwan and Israel, and *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* for ginger rhizomes from most countries outside the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, and will come into force on 15 October 2026.

## Partners

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### **UK Flavour Association Flavour Day 2026**

The UK Flavour Association will be running its [2026 Flavour Day](#) on 7 May, at the Wellcome Collection, London, from 10:00-16:00. The event will bring together researchers and industry professionals to explore recent research and developments in taste, aroma and flavour perception, including consumer insights and emerging scientific evidence.



### IFST event on managing allergens in food manufacture

On 14 May the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) will host a webinar titled [‘Fibre and Reformulation: Navigating the New Consumer Trend’](#), examining the growing consumer interest in fibre and the implications for product development. The session will consider current UK fibre intakes, reformulation challenges and opportunities, and how increasing fibre content intersects with priorities such as sugar reduction, protein claims and clean-label expectations.



### Potato Storage Day 2026



On 20 May, PSI, together with SDF Agriculture and other partner organisations, will be running the 2026 Potato Storage Day. This is a grower-focussed half day event, which will take place at Holbeach, Lincolnshire, running from 9.30-13:30. For more information or to book a free ticket, see [SDF/PSI STRATEGIC POTATO STORAGE DAY](#).

### FDF Q1 State of Industry Survey launched



The [FDF’s Q1 State of Industry survey](#) is now live. This quarter’s survey focuses on the impacts of the war in Iran, the UK–EU SPS agreement, and labour market evidence for the Low Pay Commission submission.



### NFU sets out priorities to address impact of Middle East conflict on farming

On 22 April the National Farmers’ Union (NFU) outlined its [key asks of government in response to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East](#), highlighting rising costs for fuel, fertiliser and other inputs affecting farm businesses. The NFU is calling for greater transparency in supply chains and pricing, alongside measures to improve resilience and ensure farmers are not disproportionately impacted by global volatility affecting food production and supply chains.

## PPA committee meeting dates 2026

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#### PPA Board

October/November (date TBC)	TBC	Physical meeting
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#### Food Law and Consumer [FLC] committee

30 June (in person)	10:30-14:30	FDF offices, London
11 November	13:00-16:00	Microsoft Teams (online)

#### Primary Production Technical committee [PPTC] committee

3 July (Red Tractor)	14:30-15:30 TBC	Online Microsoft Teams (online)
October/November (date TBC)	TBC	Physical meeting

## PPA circulars issued in April 2026

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Historic PPA circulars from 2022 onwards are also stored online via the 'SLACK' system. If you would like access to this system, please inform the secretariat and we will grant you access to the system.

### Food Law and Consumer Committee (FLC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
31-Mar	Commission Request for information on imports of food additives & food flavourings of animal origin from non-EU countries	159/26
01-Apr	EC EUDR supply chain infographics - updated version	160/26
01-Apr	EUPPA Acrylamide Code of Practice 2026 revision	161/26
01-Apr	New Welsh guidance on Healthy Eating in Schools	162/26
02-Apr	FDF Trade Association Roundtable Iran War 1 April	163/24
02-Apr	Latest Development on Acetaldehyde	164/26
02-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (1 April)	165/26
02-Apr	Slides from FoodDrinkEurope CONTAM meeting, 1 April	166/26
02-Apr	Views on IGD proposal around 2018 NPM with total sugars	167/26
02-Apr	DRAFT PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement	168/26
02-Apr	FDF session with Defra to discuss EU recycling labelling proposals from PPWR	169/26
07-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 14 2026	170/26
08-Apr	Import/Export: HMRC Statistics Full year 2023- 2025	171/26
08-Apr	NPM 2018 Comments from FDF	172/26
09-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (8 April)	173/26
10-Apr	Joint Statement Refocusing competitiveness on EU realities: the role of PPPs in balancing EU production, imports, and exports – ESA to cosign	174/26
10-Apr	FoodDrinkEurope's input to Codex CCFL consultation on amendments to the GSLPF on the provisions relevant to joint presentation and multipacks formats	175/26
10-Apr	News Story from the Sunday Times	176/26
13-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 15 2026	177/26
14-Apr	DfE/OHID consultation on updating the England School Food Standards	178/26
15-Apr	FNLI online training Allergen & Precautionary Allergen Labelling	179/26
15-Apr	First ASA rulings LHF advertising published	180/26
15-Apr	BPF position on Iran War impact on UK plastics industry	181/26
15-Apr	FoodDrinkEurope Overview of national approaches on food safety management (thresholds) and labelling of allergens	182/26
16-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (15 April)	183/26
17-Apr	KIND REMINDER: FLC meeting cont. - 20 April at 2pm – acrylamide and other food safety updates	184/26
17-Apr	DRAFT PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement and FDF draft response	185/26
20-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 16 2026	186/26
21-Apr	KIND REMINDER: Views on IGD proposal around 2018 NPM with total sugars	187/26
21-Apr	KIND REMINDER: Members' views on EU recycling labelling proposals from PPWR	188/26
21-Apr	Slides from ad-hoc FLC meeting 20 March 2026 (contaminants)	189/26

21-Apr	AgriFood Value Chain Letter on NGT Regulation – express your position	190/26
21-Apr	Informal summary report of the EC WG Food Information for Consumers 16 April	191/26
22-Apr	Media articles on SPS impact on chips and crisps	192/26
22-Apr	FINAL DRAFT PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement	193/26
23-Apr	PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement	194/26
24-Apr	KIND REMINDER: FDF feedback on 2018 NPM technical guidance for review and comment	195/26
27-Apr	RASFF Alerts and Notifications Week 17 2026	196/26
27-Apr	AgriFood Value Chain Letter on NGT Regulation – ESA will cosign the letter	197/26
27-Apr	Informal summary of the FoodDrinkEurope meeting with DG SANTE on import conditions for composite products	198/26
28-Apr	Draft PVC Position Paper On The Proposed Changes To The EU Pesticide Laws As Part Of The Food & Feed Safety Omnibus	199/26
28-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (22 April)	200/26
29-Apr	Joint Statement Refocusing competitiveness on EU realities: the role of PPPs in balancing EU production, imports, and exports – ESA to cosign	201/26
30-Apr	Monthly digest of EU legislation (April 2026)	202/26
30-Apr	'NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (30 April)	203/26
30-Apr	Plant protection products log – April 2026	204/26
30-Apr	PPA Monthly Members' News sheet: April 2026	205/26

#### Primary Production Technical Committee (PPTC)

Date	Subject	Circular No.
31-Mar	Pesticide residues in food - Q3 2025 report on the pesticide residues monitoring programme	088/26
31-Mar	VCU harvest procedures for potatoes – 2026 update	089/26
01-Apr	Defra communication on OFFSEN PVS Strategic Roadmap Update	090/26
01-Apr	EUPPA Acrylamide Code of Practice 2026 revision	091/26
01-Apr	Defra Fertiliser survey	092/26
01-Apr	SASA response to PPA letter Mar.26	093/26
02-Apr	FDF Trade Association Roundtable Iran War 1 April	094/26
02-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (1 April)	095/26
02-Apr	Slides from FoodDrinkEurope CONTAM meeting, 1 April	096/26
02-Apr	DRAFT PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement	097/26
09-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (8 April)	098/25
10-Apr	Joint Statement Refocusing competitiveness on EU realities: the role of PPPs in balancing EU production, imports, and exports	099/26
10-Apr	Plant Varieties and Seeds Strategic Roadmap	100/26
10-Apr	News Story from the Sunday Times	101/26
10-Apr	Red Tractor Update	102/26
13-Apr	Arvalis presentation on CIPC	103/26
16-Apr	NFU briefing: Iran conflict – Energy market update (15 April)	104/26
17-Apr	DRAFT PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement and FDF draft response	105/26
21-Apr	NGTs: AgriFood Value Chain Letter on NGT Regulation – express your position	106/26

22-Apr	Media articles on SPS impact on chips and crisps	107/26
22-Apr	FINAL DRAFT PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement	108/26
23-Apr	PPA response to Defra call for information on the UK/EU SPS agreement	109/26
27-Apr	Pesticide residues in food - Jan/Feb 2026 Rolling report on the pesticide residues monitoring programme	110/26
27-Apr	Final AgriFood Value Chain Letter on NGT Regulation	111/26
28-Apr	Slides from Treater Group meeting	112/26
28-Apr	Notes from the National Virus Forum 2026	113/26
28-Apr	Draft PVC Position Paper On The Proposed Changes To The EU Pesticide Laws As Part Of The Food & Feed Safety Omnibus	114/26
28-Apr	Update on Reserving water abstraction rights consultation	115/26
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6 May 2026	<a href="#">TariffTell webinar/FDF webinar: Global food trade is changing: Why accurate classification matters, online</a>
20 May 2026	<a href="#">SDF/PSI Strategic Potato Day 2026, Holbeach St Marks, Lincs</a>
21 May 2026	Whitehouse Communications Q&A event with Claire Reynolds, London
28 May 2026	<a href="#">Walker Morris/FDF webinar: Why care about the SPS deal? A guide for non-exporting food businesses, online</a>
3 July 2026	<a href="#">Defra Geographical Indication Conference 2026, London</a>
3-4 June 2026	<a href="#">Europatat Congress, Radisson Collection Hotel Grand Place, Brussels</a>
8 July 2026	<a href="#">FDF event: AI's role in shaping future food safety, London</a>
9 July 2026	<a href="#">IFST Oxford Food Summit 2026, Oxford</a>
13 July 2026	<a href="#">FDF webinar: Regulatory Updates, online</a>
17-18 June 2026	<a href="#">Snackex 2026, Lisbon</a>
18 June 2026	EUPPA General Assembly, online
1 July 2026	FDF Annual Summer Parliamentary reception, London
13 August 2026	<a href="#">Potatoes in Practice 2026, Invergowrie</a>
26-27 August 2026	<a href="#">Caythorpe Potato Breeders Demo Days, Grantham, Lincs</a>
9-10 September 2026	<a href="#">Potato Europe 2026, Springe, Germany</a>
17 September 2026	FDF Awards, The Troxy, London
12-14 October 2026	ESA Savoury Snacks Production Course Part 3: Snack Nuts, Origin to Packet. Porto, Portugal
13-14 October 2026	EUPPA General Assembly and Committee meetings, Brussels
15 October 2026	<a href="#">Soil Association Organic Trade Conference, London</a>
26-30 October 2026	<a href="#">13<sup>th</sup> World Potato Congress, Kenya</a>
18-19 November 2026	<a href="#">British Potato CONFEX, Lincs</a>
29 Nov.-1 Dec. 2026	Interpom, Kortrijk Expo, Belgium

## **Industry meetings**

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5 May 2026	EUPPA Board meeting, Brussels
5 May 2026	FDF Nutrition Working Group on NPM, online
6 May 2026	Food Industry Liaison Group (FILG) meeting, online
7 May 2026	Red Tractor Fresh Produce TAC - Standards Review, online
8 May 2026	European Potato Value Chain (PVC) meeting, online
12 May 2026	FoodDrinkEurope Communications & Public Affairs Committee meeting, online
13 May 2026	FDF NPM Advocacy catch up call, online
13 May 2026	FDF Nutrition (NUT) Committee meeting, London
14 May 2026	Red Tractor Fresh Produce TAC - Standards Review, online
14 May 2026	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly Call, online
14 May 2026	FDF Organic (ORG) Committee meeting, hybrid
19 May 2026	FDF International Trade Committee (ITC) meeting, hybrid
20 May 2026	Stakeholder Engagement with Defra Potato team, online
20 May 2026	IGD Healthy & Sustainable Diets Network, London
20 May 2026	FSA Trade Association Roundtable on UK-EU SPS Agreement, online
26 May 2026	Advertising Association (AA) Food Advertising WG meeting, online
27 May 2026	FDF Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) meeting, online
28 May 2026	Red Tractor Fresh Produce TAC - Standards Review, online
28 May 2026	Potato Stakeholder Fortnightly Call, online

## **Documents to note**

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### **Government position/policy papers/guidance and related resources**

#### **EU relations**

[Check if you need to declare goods you bring into or take out of the UK](#)

[DBT Research and analysis: Retained EU law and assimilated law dashboard](#) (last updated 15 January 2026)

[COLLECTION: Customs, VAT and excise UK transition legislation from 1 January 2021](#) (last updated 11 March 2026)

[COLLECTION: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee](#) (last updated 2 February 2026)

[COLLECTION: REUL \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 statutory instruments](#) (last updated 28 April 2026)

[Defra Guidance: SPS agreement: preparing your business](#) (last updated 29 April 2026)

[Defra News story: UK-EU SPS Agreement – Legislation in scope](#) (first published 9 March 2026)

#### **Windsor Framework**

[Defra Guidance: Labelling requirements for certain products moving from GB to retail premises in NI under NIRMS](#) (last updated 16 June 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Commodity codes for NIRMS](#) (last updated 15 July 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Movement Assistance Scheme: get help with moving agrifood goods to NI](#) (last updated 4 July 2025)

[NI-GB Trader Support Service](#)

[TSS bulletins](#) (latest bulletin 23 April 2026)

[Guidance: Moving qualifying goods from Northern Ireland to the rest of the UK](#) (last updated 31 January 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Move seed potatoes from GB-NI using NI plant health labels](#) (first published 20 February 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Apply to renew a Northern Ireland plant health label \(NIPHL\) scheme authorisation](#) (first published 18 March 2025)

[Defra Guidance: NIRMS: how to register](#) (last updated 4 November 2025)

[NICTA website](#)

[Defra Guidance: NIRMS: how to move goods](#) (first published 31 October 2025)

## **UK Imports**

[Defra Guidance: Import animal products for human consumption to GB](#) (last updated 22 April 2025)

[Defra Guidance: Import compound products to GB](#) (last updated 19 September 2025)

[APHA guidance: BTOM risk categorisations \(EU and non-EU plant and plant products\)](#) (last updated 2 December 2025)

[Defra/APHA Guidance: Check risk categories for animal and animal product imported from the EU to GB](#) (last updated 26 March 2025)

[Defra Guidance: BTOM risk categories and inspection rates for animal and animal product imports from non-EU countries to GB: summary tables](#) (last updated 1 April 2025)

[Defra/APHA: EU Imports to England & Wales Fees](#) (last updated 19 January 2026)

[HMRC Guidance: Importing SPS controlled goods into GB that interact with the Border Trade Matching Service](#) (last updated 2 February 2026)

[HMRC Notice: Notices made under the Customs \(Import Duty\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#) (last updated 12 January 2026)

[DBT/HM Treasury/HMRC Guidance: UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas](#) (last updated 25 April 2026)

[Defra: EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to GB](#) (last updated 21 April 2026)

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