

# Review of the Food Law Code of Practice, Food Law Practice Guidance and implementation of the Competency Framework - England

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## Crynodeb o ymatebion

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The consultation has been prepared in coordination with Northern Ireland. The changes to the [Northern Ireland Code, and the Practice Guidance](#) are subject to a separate but similar consultation.

## Who will this consultation be of most interest to?

Local Authorities (LAs) and Port Health Authorities (PHAs). Food Standards Agency (FSA) approved assurance schemes, private sector assurance bodies, professional awarding bodies and FSA delivery partners will also have an interest. Trade Unions and Expert Groups may also have an interest.

## About this consultation

A review of the Code and Practice Guidance, and implementation of the FSA Knowledge and skills for the effective delivery of official food and feed controls and other activities (Competency Framework).

The Code sets out instructions and criteria to which LAs and PHAs, in England, must have regard when discharging their duties in relation to the delivery of official food control activities. The FSA is required to consult on amendments to the Code prior to implementation. The Code requires regular review and revision to ensure that it reflects current priorities, policy, and legislative requirements so that LA and PHA delivery of food control activities remain effective, consistent, and proportionate.

## Purpose of this consultation

To seek stakeholder views on proposals to update the Code and the Practice Guidance. The main proposals include:

- modernisation of the baseline knowledge, skills, and experience requirements to enable a wider cohort of environmental health and trading standards professionals to undertake official food controls and other official activities, which the current Code restricts
- replacing existing competency requirements with the Competency Framework, which defines competency by activity rather than by role
- introducing a provision to enable the FSA to be more responsive in issuing instructions, whereby LAs and PHAs may legitimately depart from the Code, in limited circumstances
- updating the Code to reflect the Official Control Regulation (EU) 2017/625, and EU exit implications, where the negotiated position is known

## Consultation Pack

For the purposes of meeting accessibility requirements, we have produced accessible versions of the Code of Practice and the Practice Guidance for use with a screen reader.

### England

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[Gweld consultation-pack-the-food-law-code-of-practice-and-practice-guidance-review-  
england\\_2.pdf as PDF](#)(Open in a new window) (338.72 KB)

### England

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[Gweld Food Law Code of Practice as PDF](#)(Open in a new window) (1008.28 KB)

### England

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[Gweld Food Law Code of Practice - screen reader version as PDF](#)(Open in a new window)  
(1015.82 KB)

### England

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[Gweld Food Law Code of Practice Guidance as PDF](#)(Open in a new window) (2.14 MB)

### England

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[Gweld Food Law Code of Practice Guidance - screen reader version as PDF](#)(Open in a new  
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## England

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[Gweld Competency Assessment Record as Excel\(Open in a new window\)](#) (10.76 MB)

## England

EXCEL

[Gweld Summary of officers competency table as Excel\(Open in a new window\)](#) (69.4 KB)

## How to respond

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Comments and views are required by midnight Thursday 10 December 2020.

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## Mwy o wybodaeth

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