

Consultation on transitional arrangements for edible insects in Great Britain

Status: Closed

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Closing date: 2022-08-10

This consultation was of most interest to:

- Industry
- Enforcement authorities
- Consumers
- Other interested stakeholders with an interest in the policy and legislation regarding edible insects

Consultation subject

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) was seeking stakeholder comments on a proposed legislated transitional period under the novel food regulations for edible insects in England, Scotland and Wales. The proposal was developed with input from Food Standards Scotland (FSS).

In Northern Ireland, edible insects are considered novel under EU Food Law, as applied under the current terms of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (NIP), require authorisation in line with [Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283](#), before being placed on the market in Northern Ireland. It is the European Commission's authorisation process, including validation, that applies in Northern Ireland.

Purpose of the consultation

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) had reviewed the policy approach to authorisation of certain edible insects in Great Britain (GB) within scope of the existing transitional measures in the novel food regulations retained from the European Union (EU) (see specifically Article 35(2) of [retained Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283](#)).

The consultation sought comments from industry, enforcement authorities, and other interested stakeholders on the policy proposal to introduce a legislated transitional measure, specific to GB, which will clarify the arrangements for businesses seeking a novel food authorisation for their edible insect product.

Consultation pack

England and Wales

PDF

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How to respond

The consultation is now closed.

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Other relevant documents

[Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods, Amending Regulation \(EU\) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1852/2001 \(Text with EEA relevance\) \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Further information

If you require a more accessible format of this document, please send details to the named contact for responses to this consultation and your request will be considered. This consultation has been prepared in accordance with [HM Government consultation principles](#).

Thank you on behalf of the Food Standards Agency for participating in this public consultation.

Publication of response summary

Within three months of a consultation ending we aim to publish a summary of responses received and provide a link to it from this page.

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This consultation has been prepared in accordance with [HM Government Consultation Principles](#). If an Impact Assessment has been produced, this is included in the consultation documents. If no Impact Assessment has been provided, the reason will be given in the consultation document.