

Approval of food establishments in Northern Ireland policy: summary

This document sets out the governance, policy and other arrangements for the approval of food establishments by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in Northern Ireland.

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Purpose

This document sets out the governance, policy and other arrangements for the approval of food establishments by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in Northern Ireland in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004. This includes FSA's implementation of the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as they apply to the process of approval in Northern Ireland.

The reader should always refer to the relevant legislation referenced in this document. The use of the term approval throughout this document refers to approval in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 only.

Who is this document for?

This document is for the FSA, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Veterinary Public Health Programme (DAERA VPHP), Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Agri-food Inspection Branch (DAERA AfIB) and District Councils (DCs). The information in this document may be of interest to food business operators.

Which UK countries does this document apply to?

Northern Ireland.

Key words

- FSA approvals
- food law, monitoring and controls
- hygiene and food safety
- meat, livestock, eggs and dairy.

Review

The next scheduled review date for this document is March 2028.