

Regulating Our Future

What you need to know about Regulating Our Future (ROF) including how to keep updated, and how to get involved in developing this flagship policy.

Our programme is modernising the way food businesses are regulated. We are creating a system that is modern, risk-based, proportionate, robust and resilient.

For the UK to continue to be a strong, credible player in the global food economy, the regulatory regime needs to keep pace with rapid change.

Leaving the European Union will change patterns of food production, trade and consumption. This will require a flexible and responsive regulatory system.

Our principles

- Businesses are responsible for producing food that is safe and what it says it is, and should be able to demonstrate that they do so. Consumers have a right to information to help them make informed choices about the food they buy – businesses have a responsibility to be transparent and honest in their provision of that information
- FSA and regulatory partners' decisions should be tailored, proportionate and based on a clear picture of UK food businesses
- The regulator should take into account all available sources of information
- Businesses doing the right thing for consumers should be recognised; action will be taken against those that do not
- Businesses should meet the costs of regulation, which should be no more than they need to be

Open policy-making in action

All of the plans we are developing under ROF are being tested publicly, with input from all of our stakeholders.

This includes:

- consumer groups
- private assurance scheme owners
- local authorities
- food businesses of all sizes
- UK and international regulators

This has been captured in the current Target Operating Model, our blueprint for future food controls.

Primary Authority National Inspection Strategy

What is a Primary Authority? What is a National Inspection Strategy? How we've been developing this area and our draft Standards.

We have been exploring how [Primary Authority](#) (PA) could play a role in the Regulating Our

Future Model. Our focus has been considering the concept of National Inspection Strategies (NIS) for food safety partnerships.

How to get involved

You can contribute to the discussion by joining the conversation by using the hashtag, #FoodRegulation.

You can also email us directly:

futuredelivery@food.gov.uk

How to stay updated

You can sign up to receive updates through our regular Regulating Our Future newsletter. Every couple of months we publish an update on the ROF programme and supporting documents.

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Regulating Our Future – key documents

As part of ROF we will be publishing key documents , studies, pilot research and data research in support of the programme.

[Key Documents](#)