

Abbreviation	Meaning
AA	Administrative Assistant
ABP	Animal by Product(s)
ABPI	Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995 (as amended)
ABPO	Animal By-Product Order 1999
ABPR	Animal By-Product Regulations 2003
ACAF	Advisory Committee on Animal Feeding stuffs
ACBS	Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances
ACCS	Assured Combinable Crops Standard
ACMSF	Advisory Committee on Microbiological Safety of Food
ACNFP	Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes
ACR	Advisory Committee on Research
ACW	Advisory Committee for Wales
ADAS	Agricultural Development & Advisory Service
ADI	Acceptable Daily Intakes
AFS	Assured Food Standards
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AHDO	Animal Health Divisional Office
AHO	Animal Health Office
AHS	African Horse Sickness
AI	Avian (bird) Influenza
AM	Area Manager
AMI	Association of Meat Inspectors
AO	Authorised Officer (OV, MHI, MT, Other Government Agents and in some circumstances, plant operatives)
AOB	Any Other Business
AOV	Area Official Veterinarian
APA	Association of Public Analysts
APHA	Association of Port Health Authorities
APS	Assured Produce Scheme
ARAD	Agriculture and Rural Affairs Department
ARC	Audit & Risk Committee
ARM	Area Resource Manager
ASA	Advertising Standards Authority
ASBOF	Advertising Standards Board of Finance
AWD	Animal Welfare Division
BAS	Beef Assurance Scheme
BBSRC	Biological Sciences Research Council
BCMS	British Cattle Movement Service
BDU	Business Development Unit
BHA	British Hospitality Association
BIP	Border Inspection Post
BMA	British Medical Association
BNF	British Nutrition Foundation
BPM	Business Project Manager
BRC	British Retail Consortium
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
BSI	British Standards Institute
BSS	Brain Stem Sampling
BVA	British Veterinary Association
C&D	Cleansing and Disinfection
CAP	Committee of Advertising Practice
CCFL	Codex Committee on Food Labelling
CCIR	Collection and Communication of Inspection Results
CCP	Critical Control Point
CD	Commercial Document
CEFAS	Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquatic Science
CETV	Cash Equivalent Transfer Value
CIAA	Confédération des Industries Agro-Alimentaires de l'Union européenne (Confederation of Food & Drink Industries of the EU)
CIEH	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
CLO	Customer Liaison Officer
CLP	Clean Livestock Policy
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
COC	Committee on the Carcinogenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products & the Environment
COI	Central Office of Information
COM	Committee on the Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products & the Environment
COMS	Communications Division (FSA)
COP	Code of Practice
COT	Committee on the Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products & the Environment
COVS	Contract Official Veterinary Surgeon
CPA	Crop Protection Association
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CSA	Chief Scientific Advisor
CSCS	Civil Service Compensation Scheme
CSI	Corporate Secretariat and International Division (FSA)
CSL	Central Science Laboratory
CSM	Committee on Safety of Medicines
CST	Chemical Safety and Toxicology Division (FSA)
CTS	Cattle Tracing System
CVC	Certificate of Veterinary Clearance
CVED	Common Veterinary Entry Document
CVO	Chief Veterinary Officer
DARD	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Northern Ireland)

DARD (NI)	Department for Agriculture & Rural Development (NI)
DBES	Data Based Export Scheme
DC	Direct Contacts
DCA	Diploma in Consumer Affairs
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DfEE	Department for Education & Employment
DfES	Department for Education & Skills
DFID	Department for International Development
DG SANCO	Directorate General for Health & Consumer Protection
DH (DoH)	Department of Health
DHI	Dairy Hygiene Inspectorate
DHSSPS (NI)	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety (NI)
DIL	Dead in Lairage
DMHI	Dual qualified Meat Hygiene Inspector (in red & white meat)
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DNV	Det Norske Veritas Consulting
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DPPW	Directors of Public Protection in Wales
DSP	Dietary Survey Programme
DSP	Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning
DTI	Department of Trade & Industry
DVM	Divisional Veterinary Manager
DWI	Drinking Water Inspectorate
EA	Environment Agency
EC	European Commission
EC	Regulation 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the 1774/2002 Council
EC	European Commission
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
EFS	Expenditure and Food Survey
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EFSG	Enforcement & Food Standards Group (FSA)
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
EIA	Equine Infectious Anaemia
ELG	Enforcement Liaison Group
EMS	Environmental Management Systems
EOV	Employed Official Veterinarian
EOVS	Employed Official Veterinarian
EP	European Parliament
EPIC	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition
EPN	Emergency Prohibition Notice
EPO	Emergency Prohibition Order
ERA-NET	European Research Area Network
EROS	Electronic Requisitioning Order System
ESRC	Economic & Social Research Council
EU	European Union
FAC	Food Advisory Committee
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FBO	Food Business Operator
FCI	Food Chain Information
FCSD	Food Chain Strategy Division (FSA)
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
DFD	Food and Drink Federation
FEPA	Food & Environment Protection Act
FHW	Food Hazard Warning
FLSD	Food Labelling and Standards Division (FSA)
FMD	Foot and Mouth Disease
FMR	Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (as amended)
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act 2000
FSA	Food Standards Agency
FSAI	Food Safety Authority Ireland
FSANI	Food Standards Agency, Northern Ireland
FSANZ	Food Safety Australia New Zealand
FSAS	Food Standards Agency, Scotland
FSEAG	Food Safety Education Advisory Group
FSPB	Food Safety Promotion Board (Northern Ireland)
Ftes	Full-time equivalents
FVO	Food & Veterinary Office of the European Union
FVO	Food and Veterinary Office
GB	Great Britain
GFL	General Food Law (EU Regulation setting general principles of food law)
GHP	Good Hygiene Practice
GM	Genetic Modification
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
GP	General Practitioner
GPA	Government Partnership Award
H123	The EU Food Hygiene Regulations, which came into force on 01-Jan-06
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point(s)
HAS	Hygiene Assessment System
HEA	Health Education Authority

HEPN	Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice
HEPO	Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order
HET	Health Education Trust
HIN	Hygiene Improvement Notice
HM	Health Mark
HPA	Health Protection Agency
HR	Human Resources
HRA	Human Resources Advisor
HRM	Human Resources Management
HRPP	Human Resources Policy and Procedures
HSC	Health & Safety Commission
HSE	Health & Safety Executive
IAG	Implementation Advisory Group
IAH	Institute for Animal Health
IBEA	Intervention Board Executive Agency (now RPA)
ICM	Integrated Crop Management
IFM	Integrated Farm Management
IG	Industry Guide
IGC	Industry Guide to Compliance
iiP	Investors In People
IO	Investigating Officer
IPA	Integrated Policy Appraisal
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IR	Inconclusive Reactors
IRG	Implementation Review Group
IS	Identifier Stamp
ISO	International Standards Organisation
IT	Information Technology
JECFA	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
JEGS	Job Evaluation and Grading Support System
JHCI	Joint Health Claims Initiative
JIFSAN	Joint Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition
JP	Justice of the Peace
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
LA	Local Authority
LACA	Local Authority Caterers' Association
LACORS	Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services
LAED	Local Authority Enforcement Division (FSA)
LALG	Local Authority Enforcement Liaison Group
LGA	Local Government Association
LGC	Laboratory of the Government Chemist
LGPS	Local Government Pension Scheme
LI/NDNS	Low Income/National Diet and Nutrition Survey
LPFA	London Pension Fund Authority
LVI	Local Veterinary Inspector (Defra)
LVS	Lease Vehicle Scheme
MA	Magistrates' Association
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (now Defra)
MBM	Meat and Bone Meal
MCPD	MonoChloropropanols
MHAC	Meat Hygiene Advisory Committee
MHAT	Meat Hygiene Appeals Tribunal
MHD	Meat Hygiene Division (FSA)
MHI	Meat Hygiene Inspector (either red or poultry meat)
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
MHS	Meat Hygiene Service
MHSB	Meat Hygiene Service Board
MHSMB	Meat Hygiene Service Management Board
MIG	Meat Industry Guide
MLC	Meat & Livestock Commission
MOC	Manual for Official Controls
MRC	Medical Research Council
MRL	Maximum Residue Levels
MRM	Mechanically Recovered Meat
MS	Member States
MSD	Microbiological Safety Division (FSA)
MSM	Mechanically Separated Meat
MSP	Member of Scottish Parliament
MT	Meat Technician
MTEC	Meat Technician
NAO	National Audit Office
NAW	National Assembly for Wales
NAWAD	National Assembly for Wales Agriculture Department
NC	Non-compliance
NCC	National Consumer Council
NDFAS	National Dairy Farm Assurance Scheme
NDNS	National Diet & Nutrition Survey (UK)
NDPB	Non-Departmental Public Bodies
NFFF	National Federation of Fish Fryers
NFS	National Food Survey (UK)
NFU	National Farmers' Union
NFWI	National Federation of Women's Institute
NGO	Non Government Organisation

NHS	National Health Service
NIAC	Northern Ireland Advisory Committee
NIMEA	Northern Ireland Meat Exporters Association
NISP	Northern Ireland Scrapie Plan
NOS	National Occupational Standards
NPRI	National Prevention Research Initiative
NSP	National Scrapie Plan
NSS	National Surveillance Scheme
NSTS	National Sprayer Testing Scheme
NVL	Non-visible lesions
OA	Official Auxiliary
OC	Official Control of Foodstuffs Directive
OCDS	Older Cattle Disposal Scheme
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development
Ofcom	Office of Communications
OFFC	Official Feed and Food Controls
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OFT	Office of Fair Trading
OGD	Other Government Department
ONS	Office of National Statistics
OPOAO	Other Products of Animal Origin
OSSE	Office of the Solicitor to the Scottish Executive
OSU	Operations Support Unit
OTM	Over Thirty Month
OTMHC	Over Thirty Months for Human Consumption
OTMIRG	Over Thirty Month Implementation Review Group
OTMS	Over Thirty Month Scheme
OV	Official Veterinarian
OV	Official Veterinarian
OVS	Official Veterinary Surgeons
OVTL	Official Veterinarian as Team Leader
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence Act
PAF	Policy Assessment Framework
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenols
PCRT	Polymerase Chain Reaction Test
PCSPS	Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme
PDSB	Public Debate Steering Board
PGO	Paymaster General Office
PGSS	Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme
PHA	Public Health Authority
PHLS	Public Health Laboratory Service
PIA	Poultry Inspection Assistant
PMHI	Poultry Meat Hygiene Inspector
PMR	Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (as amended)
POAO	Products of Animal Origin
POVS	Principal Official Veterinary Surgeon
PPN	Pesticides Policy Network
PPP	Plant protection Products
PQ	Parliamentary Question
PRC	Pesticide Residues Committee
PS	Personal Stamp
PSD	Pesticides Safety Directorate
PUS	Private User Scheme (for vehicles used in connection with work)
PVS	Private Veterinary Surgeon

QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
QMS	Quality Meat Scotland
R&D	Research & Development
RAG	Red/Amber/Green method of performance reporting
RAN	Remedial Action Notice
RASFF	Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed
RBM	Regional Business Manager
RCU	Research Co-ordination Unit (FSA)
RCVS	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
RD	Regional Director
RD	Regional Director
RDA	Research Development Agency
RDI	Recommended Daily Intake
REHIS	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland
RIA	Regulatory Impact Assessment
RIM	Residues in Meat
RIPA	Investigation of Regulatory Powers Act 2000
RIPHH	Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
RISI	Rewarding Innovative Staff Ideas
RMOP	Required Methods of Operating Practices
RO	Regional Office
Rol	Republic of Ireland
RPA	Rural Payments Agency
RVA	Regional Veterinary Adviser
SACN	Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition
SCC	Scottish Consumer Council
SCDP	Scottish Community Diet Project
SCF	EC Scientific Committee for Food
SCF	Scottish Civic Forum
SCIEF	Scottish Centre for Infection & Environmental Health
SCS	Senior Civil Service (comprising Civil Servants at Grade 5 and above)
SDA	Service Delivery Agreement
SDAP	Scottish Diet Action Plan
SDU	Strategic Development Unit (FSA)
SEAC	Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee
SEERAD	Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department
SEHD	Scottish Executive Health Department
SFAC	Scottish Food Advisory Committee
SFELC	Scottish Food Enforcement Liaison Committee
SI	Statutory Instrument (UK secondary legislation)
SIR	Single Information Repository
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SLAU	Service Level Agreement Unit
SME	Small & Medium sized Enterprises
SMHI	Senior Meat Hygiene Inspector (either red or poultry meat)
SPMI	Senior Poultry Meat Inspector
SPMI	Senior Poultry Meat Hygiene Inspector
SRM	Specified Risk Material
SSC	Scientific Steering Committee (EU)
SSRB	Senior Salaries Review Body
SVC	Standing Veterinary Committee
SVS	State Veterinary Service

TB	Tuberculosis
TDI	Tolerable Daily Intake
TMHS	Transformed Meat Hygiene Service
TSE	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies
TSE	TSE (England) Regulations 2002, TSE (Scotland) Regulations Regulations 2002, TSE (Wales) Regulations 2002
TSI	Trading Standards Institute
TSO	Trading Standards Officers
TV	Technical Verifier
TVC	Total Viable Count
UK	United Kingdom
UKAS	United Kingdom Accreditation Service
UTM	Under Thirty Months
VA	Veterinary Advisor
VAU	Verification and Audit Unit
VC	Video Conference
vCJD	variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob Disease
VETD	Veterinary Directorate of the FSA
VetTec	Veterinary and Technical Directorate
VHMA	Veterinary Meat Hygiene Adviser
VL	Visible lesions
VLA	Veterinary Laboratories Agency
VMD	Veterinary Medicines Directorate
VMHA	Veterinary Meat Hygiene Adviser
VMHA	Veterinary Meat Hygiene Adviser
VO	Veterinary Officer
VPC	Veterinary Products Committee
VPHA	Veterinary Public Health Association
VPHOD	Veterinary Public Health Operations Division (FSA)
VPHU	Veterinary Public Health Unit
VRC	Veterinary Residues Committee
VS	Vesicular Stomatitis
VTSU	Veterinary & Technical Support Unit
VTSU	Veterinary and Technical Support Unit
VV	Veterinary Verifier
VWA	Voedsel en Waren Autoriteit (Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority)
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government
WAS	Welfare of Animals at Slaughter
WASK	Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995
WATO	Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997
WCC	Welsh Consumer Council
WFAC	Welsh Food Advisory Committee
WGMR	Wild Game Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995
WHO	World Health Organisation
WPCC	Working Party on Chemical Contaminants in Food
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WYMAS	West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service
XAP	Foreign Origin Scheme
XAPD	Approval under Foreign Origin Scheme & Date based Export Scheme
YG	Young Goat
YL	Young lamb