

To : Interested Parties

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**APPLICATION OF THE NEW EU FOOD HYGIENE LEGISLATION INTO UK LAW :
CURRENT POSITION AND NEXT STEPS**

This letter is to update you on the current position and next steps regarding the above legislation.

The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005 No. 2059) were laid before Parliament on 10 August 2005. Copies will be available shortly on the Office of Public Sector Information web site at <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si200520.htm>.

The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations will give effect to the EU Regulations and come into force on 1st January 2006. These Regulations were subject to a formal FSA consultation that concluded in January this year. Further details of the consultation can be found on the FSA website at the attached link:
http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/Consultations/completed_consultations/compcopnsulteng/hygienerregs2005england. A summary of consultation responses and an FSA response will be published on the web site shortly.

A formal FSA consultation was also carried out on an early draft of a possible Commission Regulation laying down implementing measures and transitional arrangements for certain products of animal origin, and the organisation of official controls on those products, to facilitate application of the new EU food hygiene legislation. The consultation concluded in May this year and a summary of the consultation responses and an FSA response will be published shortly. Discussions are still taking place on this legislation in the Standing Committee on Food Chain and



Animal Health (SCoFCAH). The Commission's intention is to put this to indicative vote at the SCoFCAH meeting on 20/21 September. Further details can be found on the FSA website at the attached link

<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/europeleg/eufoodhygieneleg/>. The Commission's process means that the implementing and transitional measures legislation is unlikely to enter into force until December.

The Commission measures give rise to the need to make a second, consolidated, Statutory Instrument (The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2005 No.2). This will be necessary in order to give full effect to various pieces of Commission implementing legislation, including the regulation on microbiological criteria pursuant of Article 17(3) of Regulation 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs. The intention is to carry out a further formal FSA consultation on the draft Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2005 No.2 hopefully in September.

Similar arrangements for consolidated Statutory Instruments are being made in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to give effect to the Commission implementing measures and transitional arrangements throughout the UK.

A list of interested parties to whom this letter is being sent appears in **Annex A**. Please feel free to pass this document to any other parties with an interest in the subject matter herein, or send us their full contact details and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to them direct. Further updates will be posted on the FSA website.

Yours faithfully

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ANNEX A
- List of Interested Parties –

2 Sisters Food Group Ltd
ADAS
The Anaphylaxis Campaign
Association of Independent Meat Suppliers
Association of Meat Inspectors
Association of Medical Microbiologists
Association of Public Analysts
Association of Port Health Authorities
Assured Food Standards
Babergh District Council
British Association for Shooting and Conservation (England)
Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Association
Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate & Confectionery Association
Blackpool and Fylde College
Booker Foods
Borough of Crewe and Nantwich
Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Supplies Assn
British Deer Farmers Association
British Egg Industry Council
British Egg Products Association
British Frozen Food Federation
British Hospitality Association
British Meat Processors' Association
British Poultry Council
British Retail Consortium
British Veterinary Association
The Cabinet Office
C A Leech & Son
The Campaign for Real Milk
Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association
Cannock Chase Council
Canterbury City Council

CEFAS
The Charity Commission
CIEH
CIEH Port Health Centre
Chesterfield Borough Council
Chilled Foods Association
The Co-operative Group
Cornwall Chief Officers' Food Sub-Group
Corporation of London (Department of Environmental Services)
Corporation of London (Director of Markets)
C S Morphet and Sons Ltd (Wholesale Butchers)
Cumbria Food Liaison Group
Dairy UK
Deer Initiative
Defra (Livestock Products Division)
Defra (Pigs, Eggs and Poultry Branch)
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Department of Health
Devon Chief Environmental Health Officers Food Safety Sub-group
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Eurofoods Group Ltd
Faccenda Group
The Family Farmers' Association
Fibrisol Ingredient Services
Food and Drink Federation
The Foreign and Commonwealth Office
The Forum of Private Business
The Freight Transport Association
Game Conservancy Trust
George Adams and Co
Greater Manchester Food Liaison Group
Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome Help
Halton Borough Council
Lawlabs
London Borough of Hackney
Halal Food Authority
Halton Borough Council

Health Protection Agency
Health and Safety Executive
Horsham District Council
Kingston Upon Hull City Council
The Islamic Central Mosque Trust & The Islamic Cultural Centre
Isle of Man Government (Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry)
J.Shewring Ltd
Lancashire Food Liaison Group
Lawlabs
The Livestock Auctioneers' Association
Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services
London North East Sector Food Liaison Group
Meat and Livestock Commission
Meat Hygiene Service
Milk for Schools
Milton Keynes Council
Mobile and Outside Caterers Association
Müller UK
National Association of Catering Butchers
National Association of Master Bakers
National Association of Tripedressers
National Beef Association
National Farmers Union
National Federation of Meat and Food Traders
National Game Dealers Association
National Gamekeepers' Organisation
National Pig Association
National Sheep Association
New Forest District Council
Northumberland Food Liaison group
Provision Trade Federation
Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers
Royal Institute of Public Health
Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Rural Payments Agency Inspectorate
Sainsburys
Sea Fish Authority

Sea Fish Technology and Training
Seamark Ltd
Shropshire County Council
Small Abattoirs Federation
Small Business Service
Smithfield Market Tenants' Association
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Southern Counties Fresh Foods Ltd
South Holland District Council
South West London Food Liaison Group
State Veterinary Service
States of Guernsey (Agriculture and Environment)
States of Jersey (Public Health Services)
Tesco
Torrige District Council
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Traditional Farm Fresh Turkey Association
UK Cleaning products industries
UK Federation of FACE
Unilever
UNISON
Veterinary Public Health Association
The West Midlands Food Liaison Group
West Yorkshire Principal Food Officers' Group
Which?
Winchester City Council
Women's Food and Farming Union