

Draft guidance on mechanically separated meat (MSM): Summary

The definition of MSM and implications for Food Business Operators.

We are consulting on this draft guidance. See [Consultation on the mechanically separated meat \(MSM\) guidance](#) for details.

Revision history

Revision number	Date	Purpose of revision	Revised by
1	[Publication month and year]	Guidance implemented	

Summary

Purpose

To provide guidance on how the definition of Mechanically Separated Meat (MSM) in Annex I, point 1.14 of assimilated Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 in Northern Ireland should be applied.

Legal status

Regulatory Compliance Guidance, this document provides guidance on how to comply with regulatory requirements.

Who is this publication for

This guidance is primarily for:

- Food Business Operators (FBOs) - MSM and/or meat preparations manufacturers/processors/handlers; businesses that incorporate MSM and/or meat preparations in other products; businesses that place such products on the UK market and exporters.
- It may also be used by Local Authorities (LAs); FSA Operational staff; and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) staff in NI to support official controls and ensure consistency of the regulatory approach.

Which UK countries does this guidance apply to?

- England

- Wales
- Northern Ireland

Review date

We will review this guidance by **[add date]**