

# Food Law Code of Practice and Practice Guidance Consultation - England

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## This consultation will be of most interest to:

- Competent Authorities - Local Authorities and Port Health Authorities
- food businesses?and industry trade bodies
- third-party assurance organisations for food safety
- awarding bodies for environmental health and trading standards professionals?
- Trade Unions and expert groups may also have an interest?

## Consultation subject

This consultation seeks stakeholder's views on proposed changes to the Food Law Code of Practice and Practice Guidance.

Key proposals include:

1. an updated risk-based approach to the prioritisation and timescales for undertaking initial food hygiene official controls of new food establishments
2. enabling, in certain circumstances, an establishments food hygiene intervention risk rating to be amended following a wider range of official control methods and techniques, including those undertaken remotely
3. extending the activities that officers, who do not hold an 'appropriate qualification' for food hygiene or food standards, can, if competent, undertake
4. a clarification in approach to interventions at food business establishments that fall into risk category E for food hygiene
5. removal of a prescriptive number of hours required for continuing professional development
6. other amendments which do not amend policy, to provide clarity and improve consistency and keep pace with current practices

## Purpose of this consultation

To seek stakeholders' views on proposed amendments to the code and practice guidance.

The proposed amendments are subject to separate consultations in [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)

## Consultation pack

### England

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[Gweld Consultation Pack - Food Law Code of Practice & Practice Guide - England as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (751.13 KB)

## England Code and Practice Guidance

### England

PDF

[Gweld Food Law Code of Practice England - Consultation Draft as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#)  
(1.11 MB)

### England

PDF

[Gweld Food Law Practice Guidance England - Consultation Draft as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#)  
(2.13 MB)

## How to respond

Please use the consultation response form to provide your comments. The consultation response form should then be emailed to [CodeReviewResponses@food.gov.uk](mailto:CodeReviewResponses@food.gov.uk).

### England

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[Gweld Food Law Code Consultation Response Form - England as Word\(Open in a new window\)](#)  
(53.72 KB)

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