

Guidance for primary producers and food business operators on the hygienic production of wild game

Guidance on food safety and hygiene requirements that apply in the various situations in which wild game is hunted and supplied for human consumption.

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Revision history

Revision number	Date	Purpose of revision	Revised by
3	October 2024	<p>Minor revision of the guidance, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of references to specific hunter training providers in “Training requirements in Health and Hygiene” section of the guide.• Other minor wording amendments.	Meat Hygiene Policy
2	25 July 2022	<p>Complete revision which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• removal of the section on Approved Game Handling Establishments.• inclusion of a section that EU Law directly applies in Northern Ireland, that EU Law has been amended to introduce ‘collection centres for wild game’.• clarification of exemptions that apply to primary production. <p>Inclusion of a section signposting traders to import and export processes due to changes since 1 January 2021.</p>	Veterinary and Meat Hygiene Policy Team

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1	November 2015	Update	Paul Stubbington
0	June 2014	Complete revision	Simon Tudor

Summary

Purpose

To provide guidance on food safety and hygiene requirements that apply in the various situations in which wild game is hunted and supplied for human consumption.

Legal status

This guidance is intended to explain how to comply with regulatory requirements in relation to the supply of wild game and wild game meat for human consumption along with approaches that might be employed to provide confidence in food safety, but which are not a legal requirement to follow.

Who is this publication for?

This wild game guidance is intended for:

- primary producers (for example, hunters, members of hunting parties, shooting estates)
- food business operators (FBOs)
- enforcement officers of: Local Authorities (LAs) in England and Wales, District Councils in Northern Ireland; Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)

Which UK countries does this guidance apply to?

- England
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

Review date

The next scheduled review date for this guidance is October 2026.