

Food Law Code of Practice and Practice Guidance Consultation - England

Status: Open

Date launched: 24 February 2025

Closing date: 19 May 2025

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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England Code and Practice Guidance

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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.

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Publication of response summary

Within three months of a consultation ending we aim to publish a summary of responses received and provide a link to it from this page.

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Further information

This consultation has been prepared in accordance with [HM Government Consultation Principles](#). If an Impact Assessment has been produced, this is included in the consultation documents. If no Impact Assessment has been provided, the reason will be given in the consultation document.