

Extension of audit frequencies at FSA approved meat establishments in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

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About this consultation

Consultation target audience

Enforcement bodies carrying out official controls (competent authorities) on behalf of the FSA and Food Business Operators (FBOs) in FSA approved meat establishments.

Subject of this consultation

Proposed changes are to further extend Food Standards Agency (FSA) audit frequencies for those Food Business Operators (FBOs) who currently have had Good (18 month frequency), and Generally Satisfactory (12 month frequency) outcomes over two successive FSA audits cycles.

Further extending audit frequencies aims to provide recognition for FBOs who have sustained a high level of compliance over consecutive audit cycles with an aim to ultimately reducing footfall resulting from official control activities without increasing risk to consumer protection or confidence.

Purpose of this consultation

To seek stakeholders' views on the extension of audit frequencies in the draft audit proposal and evidence towards our initial impact assessment (Annex B) of the proposals on England, Wales and Northern Ireland stakeholders.

The proposal aligns with wider government initiatives including reducing the burden on business by reducing the number of visits and streamlining and targeting enforcement activity on the basis of risk.

Consultation pack

[Consultation pack: Extension of audit frequencies at FSA approved meat establishments in England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)

Summary of responses

England, Northern Ireland and Wales

PDF

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Publication of response summary

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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.