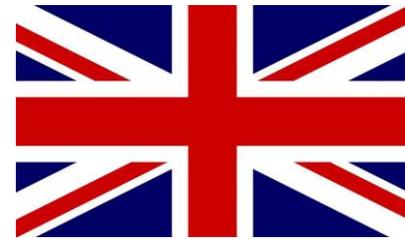
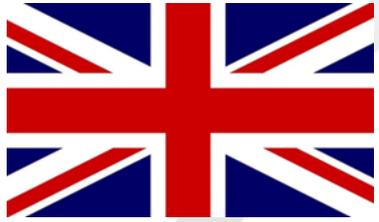


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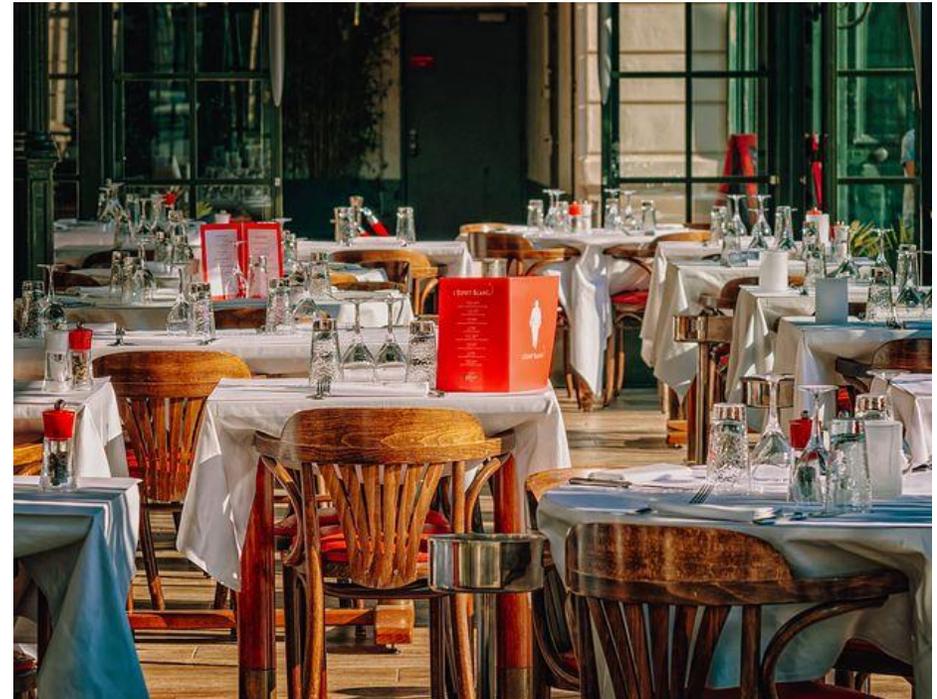
Out of Home Mandatory Calorie Labelling

The Department of Health and Social Care announced on 12 May 2021 that large out-of-home food businesses in England will be required to label calories on menus and food and drink labels from April 2022.

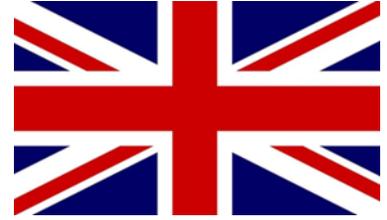
Regulations will require businesses in England with 250 or more employees, including cafes, restaurants and takeaways, to display the calorie information of non-prepacked food and soft drink items that are prepared for customers.

The information will need to be available at the point of choice, including menus, online menus, delivery platforms and labels.

These measures are part of the government's wider strategy on tackling obesity.



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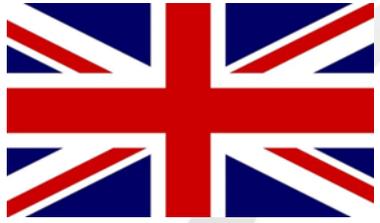
This consultation closes on 21 October 2020.

The Department for Health & Social Care and the Food Standards Agency launched a consultation on 30 July 2020 regarding the future of front-of-pack labelling in the UK.

The Consultation sought views from businesses and stakeholders on whether they wanted to see the introduction of a new front of pack labelling scheme or the retention of the current one,

The Consultation looked specifically at the Nutri-Score format and the Chilean health warning label, as potential options for a new front of pack labelling scheme.

The Consultation closed on 21 October 2020 and feedback is expected this year.



The Bread and Flour Regulations 1998

DEFRA launched on 8 February 2021 a consultation on amendments to food legislation in England.

The Consultation sought views from businesses and stakeholders regarding the removal of the “mutual recognition” clauses contained in The Bread and Flour Regulations 1998. These clauses currently allow EU businesses to export unfortified bread and flour to the UK.

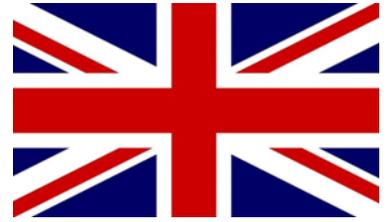
Removal of the clauses will require all imports of bread and flour into Great Britain to be fortified to the minimum levels laid out in The Bread and Flour Regulations 1998

DEFRA are also considering introducing a new defence under the Regulations for UK manufacturers, so that unfortified flour may be produced if it is to be used in food which is destined for export.

This Consultation relates to the England Regulations only and closed on 22 March 2021.



Producer Responsibility for Packaging Waste



DEFRA launched on 24 March 2021, a consultation on introducing extended producer responsibility for packaging and packaging waste.

Proposals will mean that packaging producers will pay the full cost of managing packaging once it becomes waste.

The Consultation sought views on how the scheme will operate, including scheme design and governance, implementation timelines and enforcement.

The Consultation closed on 04 June 2021.

Titanium Dioxide



The EFSA published on 6 May 2021 an updated safety assessment of Titanium dioxide (E 171), which concluded that the additive can no longer be considered safe as a food additive.

The assessment reviews all available scientific evidence and concludes that a concern for the genotoxicity of Titanium dioxide particles cannot be ruled out.

Based on this concern, EFSA's experts no longer consider Titanium dioxide safe when used as a food additive and an Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) cannot be established.

The EFSA also published a press release, which confirms that this scientific advice will be used by risk managers in the European Commission to inform any decisions they take on possible regulatory actions in the future.

The additive is still currently banned in France.



Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling

The European Commission launched a Consultation on 23 December 2020 to look at 4 types of front of pack labels currently in use or development in the EU, with the objective of establishing harmonised, mandatory front-of-pack labelling across the 27 Member States of EU.

The Consultation closed on 04 February and feedback is expected from the Commission in the final quarter of 2021.

Following a request from the Commission the EFSA announced on 3 February 2021 that it would deliver a scientific opinion on the development of harmonised mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling and the setting of nutrient profiles for restricting nutrition and health claims on foods.

The EFSA will launch a public consultation on the draft opinion by the end of 2021, with the final opinion due by March 2022.

<i>Nutrient-specific labels - examples</i>	
<i>Numerical (Option 1)</i>	<i>Colour-coded (Option 2)</i>

<i>Summary labels - examples</i>	
<i>Endorsement logos (Option 3)</i>	<i>Graded indicators (Option 4)</i>



Date Marking



The European Commission launched a Consultation on 23 December 2020 assessing the future of date marking in the European Union, to help reduce food waste.

The three options discussed in the Consultation were:

1. Extend the list of foods included in Annex X(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011, for which the “best before” date is not required.
2. Abolish the concept of a “best before” date, with the view to keep only one durability date which would be the “food safety/health” related date (currently expressed as a “use by” date).
3. Improve the expression and presentation of date marking in order to better differentiate between food safety and quality dates – amendments would be tailored to the languages and consumer understanding in each Member State.

Feedback following the Consultation is expected to be published by the European Commission in the fourth quarter of 2021.



Extension of Origin Labelling

The European Commission launched a Consultation on 23 December 2020, discussing the extension of mandatory origin or provenance indication for certain foods.

The food products considered in the consultation included milk, milk used as an ingredient, rabbit and game, rice, durum wheat used in pasta, potatoes, tomato used in tomato products and meat used as an ingredient.

Feedback following the Consultation is expected to be published by the European Commission in the fourth quarter of 2021.



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