

We're modernising regulation because...

...we believe there are more effective, modern and efficient ways to ensure people have food that is safe and what it says it is. Global food systems and business innovation have outpaced the way regulation has always been done. We need more agile and flexible regulation in this new world. This includes businesses taking proper responsibility for food safety and local authority resources being efficiently used. Our approach has been supported by the recent Cabinet Office Regulatory Futures Review, and is generating international interest from our peers.

1 KEYNOTE

A STRONG REGULATOR

The food industry recognises that having a strong regulator levels the playing field and benefits everybody. So together with industry and stakeholders, we are co-designing a new model for the delivery of regulation. The FSA will set the standards by which food businesses operate, and make use of new technology and the data that businesses collect from their own audits and checks, so we can see what's happening every day, not just on inspection day.

2 KEY FEATURES

- FSA sets the standards as the central competent authority
- Supports start-ups to get compliance right first time
- Opportunity to use business's own data to monitor compliance
- More effective interventions if a business is not meeting standards
- Co-designed with stakeholders from across the food spectrum
- Creates opportunities for third parties to provide accredited assurance

SEGMENTATION

We will tailor regulation depending on the level of risk. This means making better use of all available information when deciding which businesses present the greatest risk. We'll also recognise those that have demonstrated that they can consistently comply with requirements that are needed to protect health.

ENHANCED REGISTRATION

Knowing more about each business, who they are and what they do, is critical. This will allow us to ensure businesses understand what is expected of them and are supported to get it right from the start.



ASSURANCE & STANDARDS

The FSA will set the standards as the central competent authority. Our fundamental principle is that businesses are expected to comply with food law. We will take account of appropriate sources of information to evidence a business's ability to ensure food is safe and what it says it is.

EVENT

Intervention will happen where businesses fail to meet standards, and their assurance system will be reviewed. We will strengthen enforcement where businesses fail to do the right thing for consumers and revisit sanctions to tackle those who don't comply.

THE REGULATING OUR FUTURE (RoF) CHANGE PROGRAMME

TIMELINE

JAN-DEC 17:

- Benefits baseline
- Statutory framework for charging
- Define data domains / intelligence sources
- Impact modelling / assessments

JAN-DEC 19:

- Food Business Operators transferred to new register
- Food Business Operator segmentation applied
- UKAS Accreditation
- Post-delivery benefits measurement

JAN-DEC 18:

- Consumer reaction testing
- Certified Regulatory Auditor Framework
- Government Digital Service engagement
- Ways to charge

JAN 20:

- RoF model operational

3 PROGRESS TO DATE

- Consumer, industry and professional Expert Advisory Groups launched
- Varied stakeholder engagement undertaken
- 2nd iteration of the Target Operating Model (TOM) created
- Specialist resource to systematically explore the data element mobilised
- Concluded exploratory trials with Tesco and Mitchell & Butler

4 PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Hothousing the approach with stakeholders
- Using early consumer and SME insights to develop the TOM
- Together with Primary Authorities, their partner businesses and BEIS Regulatory Delivery, developing an approach to the implementation of National Inspection Strategies
- Parliamentary Reception

5 OUR AIM

The Regulating our Future programme will completely change the way food businesses are regulated and inspected across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We aim to have a new system in place by 2020.

It's too early to say what the specific consequences of leaving the EU will be. But we can confidently predict that it will demand a modernised regulatory system for food: something agile, flexible and resilient. Getting the new regulatory model right will, in turn, give us more scope to protect consumers within the rapidly evolving global food system, and it could widen our international influence on modern food standards. We want our food system to remain the gold standard by which other countries judge theirs.