
UK risk analysis & authorisation of substances in food & feed

What we'll cover today

- Who we are
- What you need to know for January 2021
- An overview of our risk analysis process and how food and animal feed products and processes will be authorised for the UK market post-transition
- An opportunity to ask us questions – we can't cover issues such as imports/exports, pesticides, health claims or veterinary medicines, but can answer your questions on risk analysis and regulated product authorisation

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About the FSA

- The independent government department protecting public health and consumers' wider interests in relation to food in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Our mission is food we can trust
- Our focus is not just food safety, but also other consumer interests in food, including price, availability, environmental concerns and animal welfare
- Our work is underpinned by the latest science and evidence and agreed at our open Board meetings
- Transparency is a guiding principle for the FSA and key to maintaining public confidence

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OVERVIEW OF RISK ANALYSIS

Phil Flaherty, Head of Risk

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What changes in January 2021?

- FSA, alongside FSS and Ministers, takes on additional responsibility for food safety and consumer protection
- This will be done through risk analysis, which investigates food safety risks, including whether or not to authorise new products and processes
- Current food and feed safety rules won't change (European legislation will move into UK law), but when rules need to change, risk analysis will inform new guidance and/or legislation

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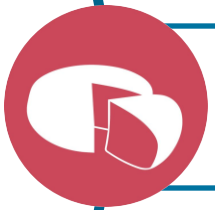
What is Risk Analysis?

uses science and evidence to provide advice to government, business and consumers on food safety risks



issues range from control of pathogens (e.g. COVID-19, listeria) and allergens, to GM processes & much more

also considers other factors, e.g. animal welfare, environmental & economic impact

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Risk analysis in practice

Risk analysis is based on science and evidence

COVID-19

Listeria

Runny eggs

What's new?

1. Clearer separation of risk assessment & risk management
2. An expanded role for our independent Scientific Advisory Committees including new experts & groups
3. A new process for regulated product authorisations

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A 4-country model

- Capacity to provide for a 4-country model through the Food and Feed Safety & Hygiene Framework (FFSH)
- Risk managers will consider ‘other legitimate factors’ – including regional differentiation
- Under the Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP), Food and feed placed on the NI market, whether produced in NI or elsewhere, will need to comply with EU regulations

How risk analysis works

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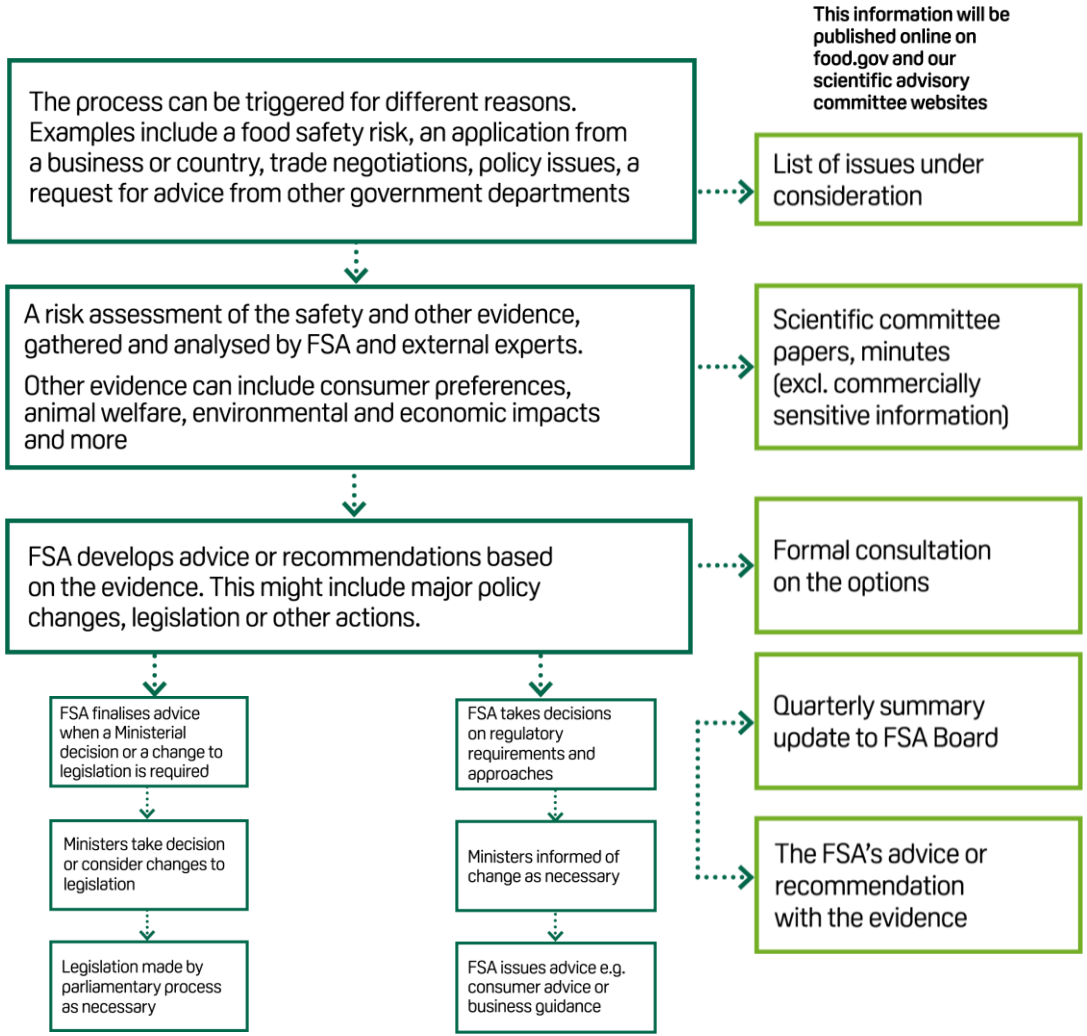

THE REGULATED PRODUCTS PROCESS

Mark Willis

Head of Contaminants & Residues Branch

What products will require authorisation?

From 1 January 2021 authorisation will be required before the following regulated food and feed products can be sold:

- extraction solvents
- feed additives
- flavourings
- food contact materials
- food additives
- food enzymes
- genetically modified organisms as food and feed
- irradiated food
- novel foods
- smoke flavourings

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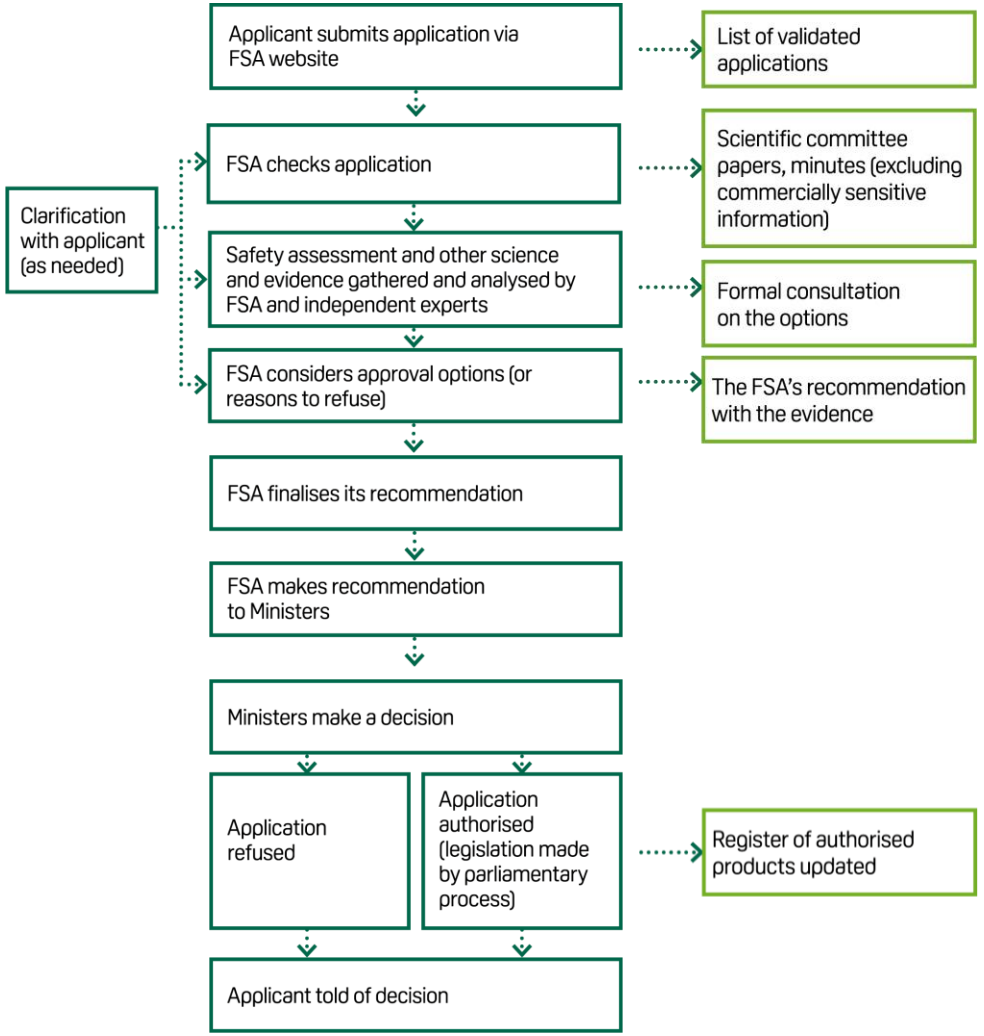

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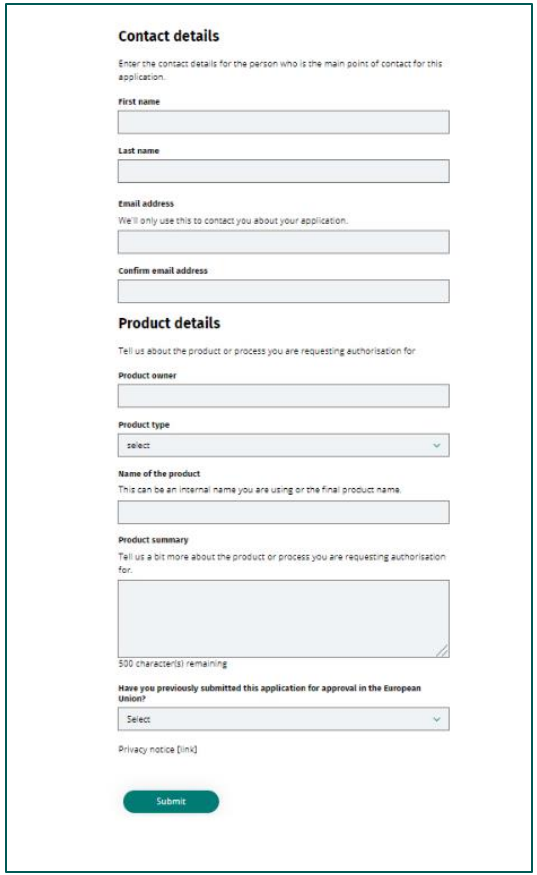

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Enter the contact details for the person who is the main point of contact for this application.

First name

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Product details

Tell us about the product or process you are requesting authorisation for

Product owner

Product type

select

Name of the product

This can be an internal name you are using or the final product name.

Product summary

Tell us a bit more about the product or process you are requesting authorisation for.

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Have you previously submitted this application for approval in the European Union?

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Upload your regulated product application documents (Ref: RP206)

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> Product details
> Manufacturer: XYZ
> Product type: Irradiated food
> Product for authorisation: XYZ
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‘New’ applications

Positive lists under development

Renewals/ reauthorisations

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Re-evaluations, reauthorisations, renewals

Feed Additives

GM Food & Feed

Smoke Flavourings

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What do you need to do now?

- Until the end of December, businesses wanting to sell regulated products in the UK should use the existing EU processes
- From January, applications for products to be sold in GB must be sent to the FSA
- Food and feed placed on the NI market, whether produced in NI or elsewhere, will need to comply with EU regulations
- The link to make your application will be available on the FSA website

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QUESTIONS?