

## **PUBLISHED REPLACEMENT EU ACT ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT**

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**Department:** Food Standards Agency

### **Published Replacement EU Act**

Regulation (EU) 2025/2457 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2025 amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 401/2009, (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2019/1021 as regards the reattribution of scientific and technical tasks and improving cooperation among Union agencies in the area of chemicals

<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2457/oj>

This Regulation amends Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, Annex 2, Heading 29 on Food – general.

### **Summary of the Act**

This assessment relates only to the amendments to Regulation (EC) 178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety.

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is not a decision-making body. Its role is to provide risk assessment and scientific advice to inform EU food and feed legislation. It provides independent information and communicates on food and feed safety risks.

Regulation (EU) 2025/2457 updates Article 23 which sets out EFSA's tasks, to add a responsibility to collaborate with other EU agencies. It also updates Article 27 concerning engagement on the management of diverging scientific opinions between agencies. These are internal EU updates to improve collaboration between agencies involved in chemical risk assessment.

### **Department(s) Responsible**

The Food Standards Agency is responsible for food and feed safety in Northern Ireland and is providing this assessment in relation to the food and feed safety-related element of the Regulation.

## **Assessment of Impact**

There are no concerns in terms of food safety assessments or any practical impacts foreseen for industry or consumers in Northern Ireland as a result of these updates to the internal working of EU agencies.

## **UK Government Explanatory Memorandum**

The Food Standards Agency has been consulted in the preparation of a UK Government Explanatory Memorandum and has provided comments in line with this assessment.

## **Analysis by the European Commission on its Impact Assessment**

The European Commission did not carry out a formal impact assessment. When proposing the Regulation, the European Commission stated: "While the proposed measures will not imply costs to businesses or have significant economic impact at EU scale, the initiative will have a major [positive] impact on the EU agencies' resource and capacity needs."

## **Departmental Engagement**

The Food Standards Agency has not carried out engagement on this amendment.