



The Legislation Team at Seafish

The Legislation Team maintains an overview of current and emerging legislation issues relating to food and the marine environment. The team anticipates, challenges and responds to legislative developments in the UK and Europe and communicates the views, interests and concerns of the seafood industry to legislators and policymakers.

Regulation, in most cases from the European Union, is now the driving force behind many of the issues faced by the seafood industry. The Legislation Team keeps abreast of UK and EU legislation issues that are important to the seafood industry, providing seafood-specific advice and commentary.

By following policy as it is being developed, engaging in debate and responding to consultations on legislation under discussion, the team ensures that the seafood industry makes its position clear well before the legislation is finalised. The team also mediates on enforcement issues to ensure that the European Commission and the UK Government take account of the interests of the seafood industry.

By maintaining close ties with the authorities, such as the Food Standards Agency, Defra and the Scottish Government, the team has access to precise and up-to-the-minute information. This is passed on to industry through the Seafish website and in a series of legislative guidance notes aimed at helping the seafood industry interpret the legislation.

Advice is available for all sectors of the seafood industry on:

Catchers and markets

- ✓ Hygiene charges
- ✓ Vessel inspection
- ✓ Traceability
- ✓ Buyers and Sellers
- ✓ Marine environment

Importers and exporters

- ✓ Contaminants
- ✓ Residues
- ✓ Border inspection
- ✓ Documentation
- ✓ Importers guide

Processors

- ✓ Hygiene requirements
- ✓ Labelling
- ✓ Waste
- ✓ Traceability
- ✓ Due diligence

Wholesalers and retailers

- ✓ Labelling
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Hygiene requirements
- ✓ Allergens
- ✓ Waste

Aquaculture

- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Water quality
- ✓ Purification

All information relating to policy, existing legislation, legislation under discussion, codes of practice and guidance can be found within the legislation area of the Seafish Business-to-Business website at: www.seafish.org/b2b

Advice, guidance and working together

The Food Legislation Expert Group

Seafish coordinates the Food Legislation Expert Group, a cross-sector group of trade representatives who meet regularly to discuss and respond to the development of relevant legislation. This group identifies the major developments in food and related legislation that may affect the seafood industry, and reports on those developments to the industry. It also responds to government on those developments on behalf of the industry.

The Marine Environment Legislation Expert Group

In the same way, Seafish coordinates the Marine Environment Legislation Expert Group, a cross-industry and government department group which focuses on topical marine issues such as the Marine Bill and Marine Protected Areas.

Advice and guidance

Seafish, in conjunction with the Food Legislation Expert Group, produces guidelines aimed at helping the seafood industry interpret certain aspects of legislation. The guidance notes, which can be found at www.seafish.org/b2b cover hygiene, imports and exports, contaminants, labelling and traceability, waste, residues of veterinary medicines and the Registration of Buyers and Sellers.



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