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Changes and Challenges to Food Safety

An Introduction

One in 6 Americans fall ill every year from the food they eat

One in 28 in Britain fall ill every year from the food they eat

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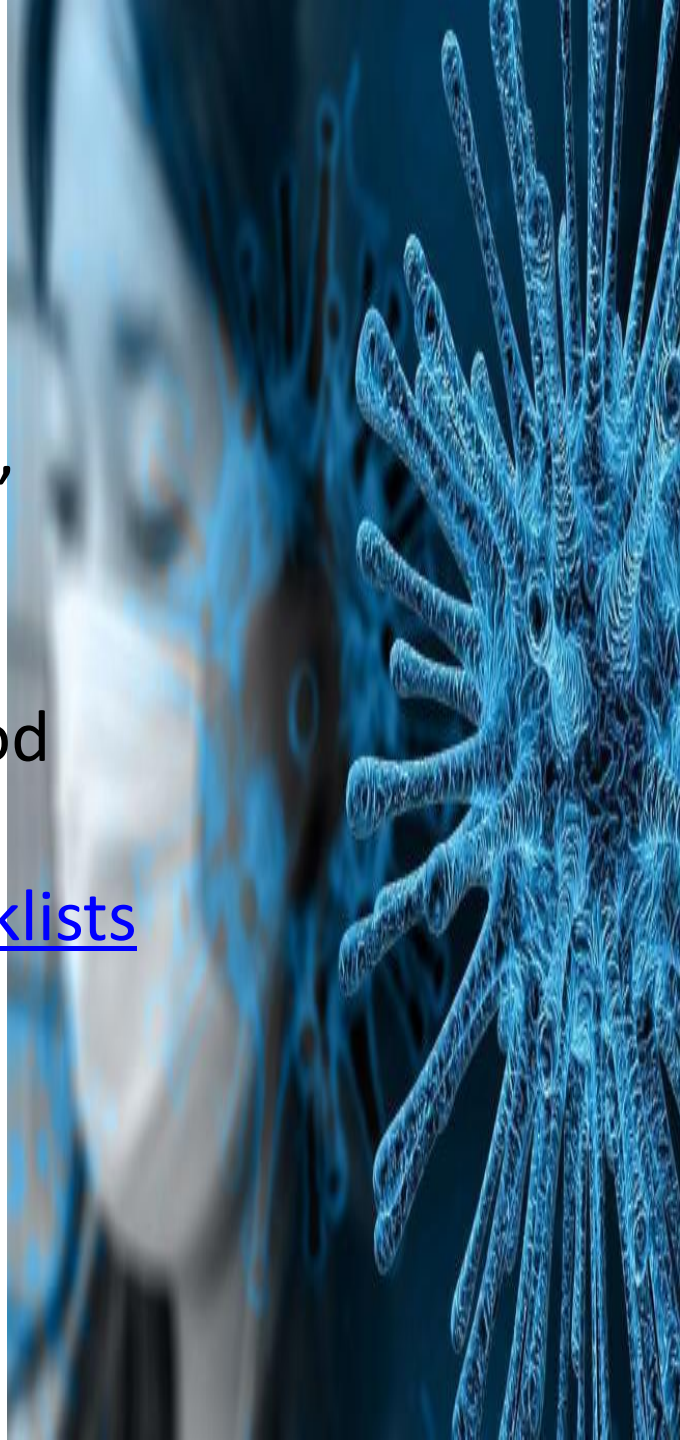
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Covid 19

- Coronavirus Act 2020
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020
- FSA have produced material for Food Businesses from [Reopening and adapting](#) the food business to [checklists](#) for reopening
- CIEH has an extensive resource for [Covid 19](#) with access to external guidance and resources



EU Transition and Beyond

Transition period will end on the 31st December 2020

- **So what does this mean for food safety in the UK?**
- **The European Union (Withdrawal) Act of 2018** permits certain EU laws to be directly transferred into UK law effective Jan. 1, 2021.

- **Example** EC Reg 178/2002 General Food Law will be transposed into UK law through The General Food Law (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

- Authorisation
- Official Controls and Enforcement
- FSA Role

**The UK
has now
left
the EU**

Food Trade

- Trade negotiations may not appear to have an immediate impact on your work in food safety
- No trade agreements as yet
 - UK-US trade negotiations started on 5th May 2020
 - UK- Japan trade objectives were set on the 13th May 2020
 - Australia and New Zealand are underway
- Implementation of Northern Ireland Protocol!
- Negotiations impacted on by Covid 19 and FSA indicate that delivery increasingly challenging.
- Issues of concern for public health and animal welfare – hormone treated beef; Ractopamine feed additive to promote growth in pigs; BST lactation promoting hormone used to increase milk yields in cows; ‘chlorine washed chicken’; antibiotics; labelling; battery cages; narrow pig stalls
- Export Certificates

Food Labelling – Allergens & PPDS

- Pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS)
- At present food businesses can provide **mandatory allergen information** for PPDS products by any means they choose, including orally by a member of staff.
- **Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations (FIR 2019)**, which will come into force on 1 October 2021..
- Will require the packaging or labels of PPDS foods sold in England to display the following information clearly:
 - name of the food;
 - full ingredients list; with
 - allergenic ingredients emphasised – for example, in bold, italics or a different colour.
- The requirements in respect of other non-prepacked foods are unaffected by the changes.

....and don't forget

GB identification and health mark from 1st January 2021

