

EU-UK FOOD LAW ALIGNMENT

# Extract from FDF Detailed Amendments List of 'Legislation in Scope' of UK-EU SPS Agreement

Key: N/A: not applicable or no FBO impact / **ALIGNED: UK law already aligned with EU law**  
**DIVERGENCE: UK law not aligned with EU law (includes EU ban / restriction not in GB)**

## Food additives

- The colour additive **Titanium dioxide (E171)** is still approved in GB, however, due to its EU ban since August 2022, it will become banned in GB once the Agreement comes into force.
- The food additive emulsifier **Stearyl tartrate (E483)** remains GB approved, however as banned in EU since April 2024 it will become banned in GB.
- There are many food additive authorisations or new food uses that were EU approved, however since Brexit no GB applications were made. **These many additives will all become available for GB use** once the Agreement comes into force.

## Food contact materials

- The EU's **advanced framework for recycled plastic food contact materials**, which supports circularity through new recycling technology safety approvals, will apply in GB.

## Detailed Amendments List of 'Legislation in Scope'

SPS 'Legislation in Scope': Food additives	EU Agri-Food Laws + Amendments (2021 to date) - to apply on UK market from 'mid-June 2027	Further Resources
<p>Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of 16 December 2008 on food additives</p> <p>&amp; Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 of 9 March 2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008</p> <p>[Current consolidated version: <a href="#">27/10/2025</a>]</p> <p>All additive specs will need to comply with EU purity criteria legislation</p>	<p>Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 [Current consolidated version: <a href="#">18/02/2026</a>]</p> <p><b>GB already aligned with EU framework legislation</b></p> <p>EU amendments [▶M] since 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>M96 - Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1156 [GB law already aligned - E960a &amp; E960c]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M97 - Regulation (EU) 2021/1175 [E420, E421, E953, E965, E966, E967 &amp; E968]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M98 - Regulation (EU) 2022/63 [E171 banned in EU since Aug 2022, not in GB]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M99 - Regulation (EU) 2022/141 [E500 &amp; E501]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M100 - Regulation (EU) 2022/1023 [E322a]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M101 - Regulation (EU) 2022/1037 [E246]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M102 - Regulation (EU) 2022/1038 [E1201]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M103 - Regulation (EU) 2022/1923 [E300 &amp; E301/E302]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M104 - Regulation (EU) 2023/440 [E 1210]</b></li> <li>▶ <b>M105 - Regulation (EU) 2023/447 [E960d]</b></li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">FIG Committee Documents</a></p> <p><a href="#">EU Food Additives Database</a>: Check authorisation &amp; use level in EU</p> <p>GB Register: <a href="#">Food additive authorisations</a></p> <p>FDF Tracker Food Additives: GB vs EU (via <a href="#">FDF Regulatory Toolkit</a>)</p>