



Supply of Wild Game for Human Consumption

Launch date: 15th July 2020

Respond by: 11th September 2020

This consultation be of most interest to

Wild Game Hunters, Wild Game Organisations, Wild Game Retailers, Wild Game Processors and Enforcement Authorities.

Consultation subject

Guidance for hunters and retailers on the safe handling, preparation and supply of wild game and wild game meat.

Purpose of the consultation

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has launched an 8-week consultation on the revised guidance to the Supply of Wild Game for Human Consumption. The guidance has been updated to primarily improve clarity regarding EU and UK Regulation requirements for the wild game industry.

How to respond

Responses to this consultation should be sent to:

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Details of consultation

The FSA (Food Standards Agency) has revised its 2015 Wild Game Guide due to an increasing demand from the wild game industry for more clarity concerning EU and UK Regulations, particularly those regarding hunter and retailer exemptions mentioned in (EC) Regulation 853/2004.

Acronyms:

- *FSA – Food Standards Agency*
- *FSS – Food Standards Scotland*
- *AGHE – Approved Game Handling Establishment*
- *EC – European Community*
- *EU – European Union*
- *UK – United Kingdom*
- *NI – Northern Ireland*
- *FBO – Food Business Operator*
- *DAERA – Department of Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs*
- *ABP – Animal By-Product*
- *OV – Official Veterinarian*
- *MHI – Meat Hygiene Inspector*
- *HACCP – Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point*
- *APHA – Animal and Plant Health Agency*
- *TRACES – Trade Control and Expert System*

Introduction

This revised guidance does not contain any change in policy, rather it reflects greater clarity around EU Regulations for the wild game industry; mainly for the hunters, processors and the retailers who shoot and supply wild game and wild game meat.

Main proposals:

- Clarity in relation to EU Regulations for hunter and retail exemptions.
- Change in layout of the original guide to improve readability.
- Clarity from current EU regulations within areas such as the game larder, transport, traceability, primary producers and hunter/hunting party.

- Intended audience: guide is specifically for the wild game industry (hunters and retailers), not food law enforcement authorities as the previous guide suggests (although it may prove useful when undertaking enforcement checks).
- Terminology: term 'shooter' has been removed. Hunter is a single term that covers both hunting and shooting.

Detailed Proposals

There is no change in policy in this new guidance, merely a clarification of EU Regulations and change in layout to improve readability. We anticipate that this guide will be well-received as the industry have requested these changes, and they have been involved in shaping this new guidance.

Impacts

These minor additions ensure that the guidance fully reflects the current legislation with the changes intended to provide greater clarity and to enhance understanding of the rules surrounding the supply of wild game for human consumption. The FSA assessment of the impact of the updates, is that the changes will present a relatively low familiarisation cost to those hunters and retailers that the guidance is relevant to, and to local authorities. We estimate an average familiarisation time of 20 minutes.

Engagement and Consultation Process

Stakeholders have been actively involved in the process shaping the revised FSA Wild Game Guidance. The FSA created a wild game working group; it included enforcement officers, hunters, wild game organisations, wild game processors, FSA policy and veterinary advisor representatives from England, Wales and Northern Ireland and FSS (Food Standards Scotland). This working group members had face to face meetings to discuss the issues with the current guide, and were key in the shaping of this revised guidance. No further engagement is required before this consultation, however the feedback they provide will be accounted for and considered.

Questions asked in this consultation:

1. Does this new guide clarify the hunter and retailer exemptions of Regulation (EC) 853/2004 for supply of wild game and wild game meat?
2. Does this new guide have improved readability?
3. Does this new guide fulfil the needs of its audience (hunters, processors and retailers of wild game and wild game meat)?

Other relevant documents

- <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/wild-game-guidance>
- FSA – Trichinella Guidance – Wild Boar (<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/trichinella>)
- Regulation (EC) 852/2004, Regulation (EC) 853/2004, and Regulation (EC) 178/2002, Regulation (EC) 999/2001, Regulation (EC) 931/2011, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>
- FSA Manual of Official Controls (<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/manual-for-official-controls>)

Responses

Responses are required by close 11th September 2020. Please state, in your response, whether you are responding as a private individual or on behalf of an organisation/company (including details of any stakeholders your organisation represents).

Thank you on behalf of the Food Standards Agency for participating in this public consultation.

Yours,

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Policy

Annex A: Standard Consultation Information

Disclosure of the information you provide

Information provided in response to this consultation may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want information you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

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Our Data Protection Officer in the FSA is the Information Management and Security Team Leader who can be contacted at the following email address:

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Further information

If you require a more accessible format of this document please send details to the named contact for responses to this consultation and your request will be considered.

This consultation has been prepared in accordance with [HM Government consultation principles](#).

Annex B: List of interested parties

Shropshire council

National Gamekeepers

National Gamekeepers

The Deer Initiative

Hampshire Game

British Association Shooting & Conservation

National Gamekeepers

Daventry DC

British Game Alliance

Willo Game

St. David's Game Birds

Ben Rigby Game