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Regulating Our
Future -
modernising food
regulation in the
UK
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What is 'Regulating Our Future' all about?



- Modernising how food businesses in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are regulated to check that our food is safe and what it says it is
- Building a system that is dynamic and flexible and can adapt as circumstances change and technology develops in the future

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Principles for the changes we are making

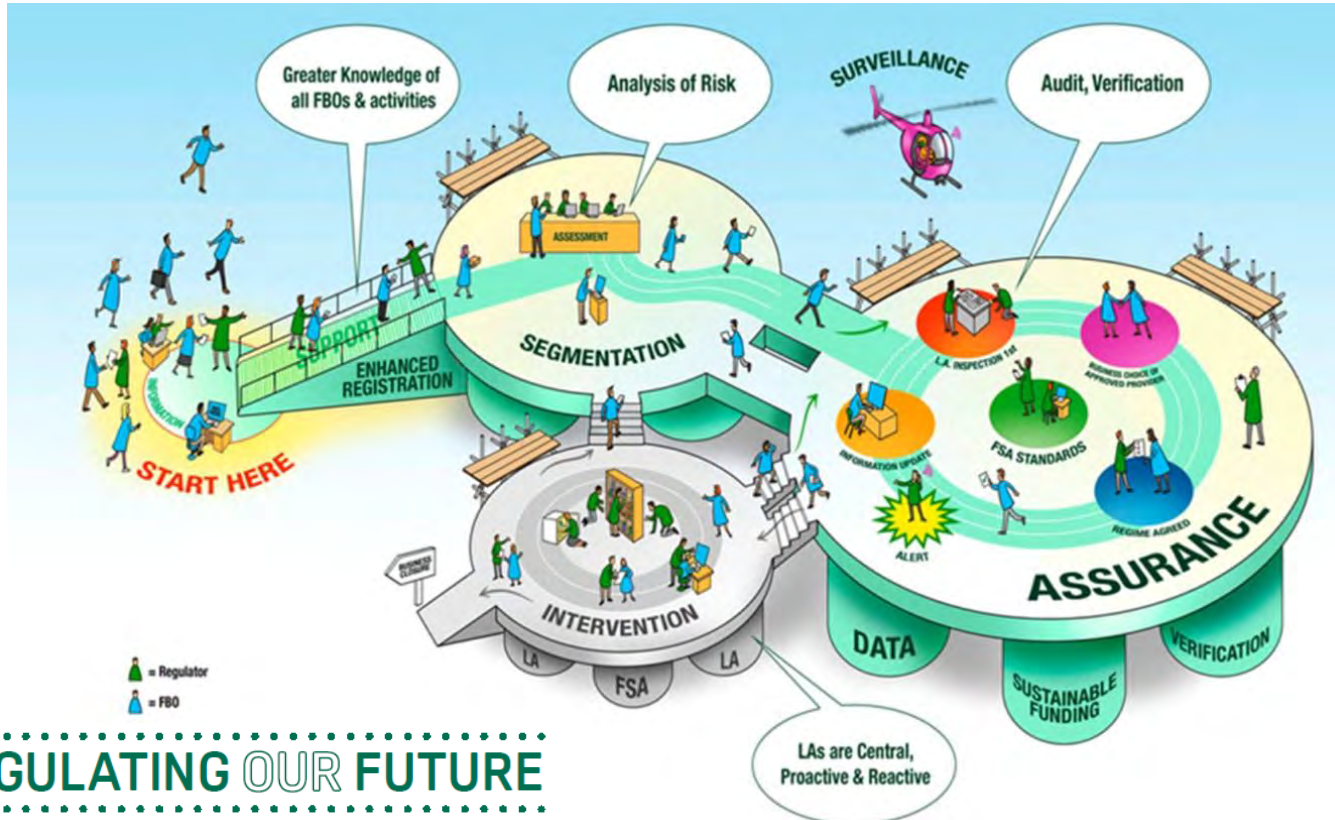
- Businesses are responsible for producing food that is safe and what it says it is
- Regulators' decisions should be tailored and proportionate
- All available sources of information should be taken into account
- Businesses doing the right thing should be recognised and action taken against those that don't
- Businesses should meet the costs of regulation

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Our target operating model



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Register a Food Business Service



Enhanced
Registration

- We are building a new online service that will collect more data on new businesses
- We are updating and revising guidance for businesses on our website
- We will raise awareness of the need to register and signpost businesses to relevant guidance



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Segmentation



Segmentation

- We are introducing a more sophisticated and data driven way for determining risk - segmentation
- We are building a 'risk engine' which uses a set of business rules to generate a 'risk score' which segments businesses into categories
- The category determines the nature, frequency and intensity of official controls



Regulated Private Assurance



- We are introducing more ways for businesses to provide evidence they are doing the right thing
- For multi-site businesses, we are introducing a way of increasing the focus on the controls that operate at business level rather than doing this routinely at each individual outlet

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National Inspection Strategies



Primary Authority,
National Inspection
Strategies (NIS)

- We have been exploring the concept of NIS with six Primary Authority partnerships:
 - Can PAs access business data to consider compliance?
 - What needs to happen for Food NIS to be a success?
- This work has been independently evaluated
- We have worked with stakeholders to establish draft NIS Standards

<https://www.food.gov.uk/primary-authority-national-inspection-strategy>

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PRIMARY
AUTHORITY



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy


Food
Standards
Agency
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Food Safety Culture

What we're planning

- To discover and gain greater understanding of food safety culture and its influence on business compliance
- Determine how that may impact across the FSA in its role as a central competent authority and as a competent authority.
- Explore the potential for an assessment of the food safety culture to inform official controls undertaken by competent authorities



Food Safety Culture cont..

What difference will it make?

- Clearer insight into business compliance to inform risk – based decision making
- Promotion and support of business good practice
- FSA/LAs using information on food safety culture to **maximise public protection**

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme



- We recognise the interdependencies between 'Regulating Our Future' changes and the FHRS
- We are exploring how these can be managed
- We are working towards mandatory display of ratings in England

What outcomes are we aiming for?

- Outcomes about protecting public health and preserving food safety and authenticity
- Outcomes about public trust and consumer confidence
- Outcomes that show we are becoming a better regulator



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How can you get involved?

- View our newsletters and sign up for updates:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/about-the-fsa/regulating-our-future/regulating-our-future-newsletter>

- Get in contact: FutureDelivery@food.gov.uk

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