

# UK AUTHORISATION OF REGULATED FOOD PRODUCTS

Comprehensive Regulatory Support

**Intertek Assuris provides comprehensive regulatory support on the assessment and approval of novel foods, food additives and food enzymes under the forthcoming UK authorisation process.**



## Background

In June 2016, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) voted to leave the European Union (EU). The UK/EU Withdrawal Agreement was ratified on the 31 January 2020, which means the UK is no longer an EU Member State. The UK entered a transition period which included a period of negotiation of trade agreements with the European Commission. During this transition period, the UK continued to apply all of the EU's regulations, including those related to food safety and status. The transition period ended on 31 December 2020.

From 31 December 2020 onwards, the UK will no longer apply EU law and a separate UK regime for regulating foods will be established under the UK Food Standards Agency (FSA).

## Who Is Impacted?

While the UK aims to align with the EU process for the assessment and approval of regulated products (novel foods, food additives, food enzymes *etc.*), manufacturers, importers and companies in the EU and elsewhere wishing to market regulated products in the UK will need submit applications for pre-market approval to the FSA. This applies to companies with new applications submitted on or after 01 January 2021, as well as those organisations with applications already undergoing assessments at the EU level.

## UK-Specific Approval Process

The process of authorisation for regulated food products broadly follows that of the EU system. Specifically, the FSA, alongside Food Standards Scotland (FSS), will be managing the risk assessment and risk management processes. These regulatory bodies will be responsible for making recommendations to the UK Ministers about the authorisation.

Our team of scientific and regulatory experts are available to provide support and guidance for the UK specific approval process. Whether you are bringing new products to market, or want to ensure your products meet new UK regulations, Intertek will help make this transition stress-free for you and your business.

## The Intertek Advantage

Intertek Assuris has over 20 years' experience in obtaining approval for food ingredients and food improvement agents within the EU and UK. Our team of toxicologists and scientific and regulatory experts can help you comply with the requirements under the UK authorisation process. We can support you through the entire review process, providing tailor-made solutions to the most complex issues.

## Our services include:

- Novel food and food additive dossier preparation for submission to the UK FSA
- Stewardship with the UK FSA through risk assessment and risk management processes
- Gap/feasibility assessments against UK requirements

## About Intertek

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