Food-safety alerts & supply risks

1 Oct – 31 Oct 2026
Generated 14 Nov 2026

28 alerts relevant to our portfolio (up from 8 in the prior period), driven by allergen and chemical hazards; wheat flour & wheat extracts and cocoa powder most exposed.

RELEVANT ALERTS
28
▲ +20 (+250%) vs prior period

HIGH RELEVANCE (≥70)
1
direct product / material match

FRAUD / AUTHENTICITY
15
▲ +10 (+200%) vs prior period

ALL ALERTS SCANNED
379
Relevant by country: USA 17 · France 6 · UK 3 · Canada 2

Relevant alerts by hazard

Allergen	12
Chemical	5
Microbiological	5
Physical	4
Quality	2
Other	1

Supply & market signals

high Strong El Niño forecast to persist into 2027

high Cocoa: price volatility and West African supply risk persist

medium Bluetongue cases surge across Great Britain

Most exposed materials

Wheat flour & wheat extracts	11
Cocoa powder	5
Chai spices	4
Fruit juice concentrates	4
Flavourings	3
Sugar, glucose syrup & dextrose	2

Top VACCP vulnerabilities

Chai spices	4.8	▲ High
Cocoa powder	4.2	▲ High
Palm & coconut oil	3.7	▲ High
Fruit juice concentrates	3.7	▲ High
Tapioca starch & boba pearls	3.6	▲ High
Soluble (instant) coffee	3.5	▲ High

Top alerts

1. Admiral Beverage Corporation: 7up Tropical beverage, shelf stable, 12oz can in a 12pk wrap, labeled as 7 up Tropical Beverage containing cans that are labeled as 7Up Tropical Zero Sugar which contain full sugar soda. 12 fl oz, UPC: 0 78000 03798 2, Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc., 6425 Hall of Fame Lane, Frisco TX 75034.
   7 Oct · Labelling · Sugar, glucose syrup & dextrose
2. Buck Wild brand Shaft Cocktail Canadian Hard Coffee recalled due to container integrity defects and spoilage
   27 Oct · Microbiological, Quality · Soluble (instant) coffee
3. Arla Foods Ltd recalls various Arla Protein Pudding products because they may contain glass
   23 Oct · Physical · Cocoa powder · Flavourings
4. Full On Flapjacks recalls various Flapjack products because of undeclared allergens
   21 Oct · Allergen · Cocoa powder · Wheat flour & wheat extracts

Legal & regulatory: actions required

53 regulatory developments tracked; 4 open items need action now and 5 deadlines fall in the next 90 days.

DEVELOPMENTS IN PERIOD	OPEN ACT-NOW ITEMS	DEADLINES NEXT 90 DAYS	OPEN CONSULTATIONS
53	4	5	3
▲ +2 (+4%) vs prior period	listed below	to 29 Jan 2027	at period end

Act now — 4 open items

1. **FDA food-facility registration renewal window (1 Oct – 31 Dec 2026)** — ▲▲ Critical
   Action: Reconcile manufacturing, packing and holding sites; verify US agent and UFI; renew and retain confirmation.
   Why: Mandatory for any site exporting to the US.
   USA Owner: **Regulatory / Supply Chain** Deadline: **31 Dec 2026**

2. **England: HFSS promotional-pack transition ended** — ▲▲ Critical
   Action: Identify affected SKUs and customers, quarantine uncertain stock and agree rework, disposal or market diversion.
   Why: Promotional packs of in-scope hot chocolate, malted and latte powders can no longer be supplied into England.
   UK Owner: **Regulatory / Commercial** In effect since 30 Sept 2026

3. **UK packaging EPR: H1 2026 data and RAM return due** — ▲▲ Critical
   Action: Confirm the H1 2026 EPR/RAM submission was made and accepted; start H2 2026 data collection (due 1 April 2027).
   Why: Multi-material laminates and composite packs are likely to attract higher modulated fees.
   UK Owner: **Packaging / Regulatory** Deadline: **1 Oct 2026**

4. **ASA ruling (Huel): exclusive-diet implications and implied health claims** — ▲ High
   Action: Audit wellness and functional-drink marketing for implied health claims and exclusive-diet messaging.
   Why: Applies to malted ‘nourishing’ and wellness positioning.
   UK Owner: **Marketing / Regulatory** In effect since 30 Sept 2026

Deadlines

- **1 Oct 2026** · compliance
  UK packaging EPR: H1 2026 data and RAM return due
- **21 Oct 2026** · consultation
  Northern Ireland: consultation on HFSS promotion and placement restrictions
- **16 Nov 2026** · consultation
  GB: 16 novel-food/regulated-product applications under consultation
- **9 Dec 2026** · consultation
  FDA proposes mandatory GRAS notification
- **16 Dec 2026** · consultation
  FSA consultation on listeriosis guidance for vulnerable groups
- **31 Dec 2026** · compliance
  FDA food-facility registration renewal window (1 Oct – 31 Dec 2026)
- **1 Jan 2027** · implementation
  California AB 418 additive bans apply from 1 January 2027

Sources: UK FSA, US FDA, RappelConso (FR), CFIA (CA), GOV.UK, legislation.gov.uk, EUR-Lex, EFSA, US Federal Register; curated register & internal signals. Triage information – not legal advice.

Legal & regulatory highlights

Other developments in the period

WHERE	DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	DATE
	Northern Ireland: consultation on HFSS promotion and placement restrictions Action: Decide whether to respond on promotions, placement and free refills (foodservice/vending).	▲ High evolving	21 Oct 2026
	Changes to the Soft Drinks Industry Levy This measure changes the Soft Drinks Industry Levy sugar content threshold and removes exemptions for milk-based and milk substitute drinks from 1 January 2028. From 1 April 2027, it also removes the requirement for producers to register if they do not package or import liable soft drinks. GOV.UK – HMRC · Policy paper	established	28 Oct 2026
	Plastic Packaging Tax — mechanically recycled plastic packaging This consultation seeks views on the potential introduction of mandatory certification for mechanically recycled plastic for Plastic Packaging Tax purposes. GOV.UK – HMRC · Consultation outcome	evolving	28 Oct 2026
	Draft legislation: Plastic packaging tax — chemical recycling and adoption of a mass balance approach This technical consultation seeks views on draft regulations and supporting document for the Plastic Packaging Tax mass balance approach for chemically recycled plastic. GOV.UK – HMRC · Open consultation	evolving	6 Oct 2026
	Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Color Additive Certification The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Federal Register – Department of Health and Human Services · Notice	established	28 Oct 2026
	Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Chromium Propionate The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, we, or the Agency) is amending the regulations for food additives permitted in feed and drinking water of animals to provide for the safe use of chromium propionate as a source of chromium in food for laying hens and breeder chickens. This action is in response to a food additive petition filed by Kemin Industries, Inc. Federal Register – Department of Health and Human Services · Rule	established	14 Oct 2026

Activity by topic

Packaging, EPR, DRS & FCM	14
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Contaminants & residues	5
Food safety & hygiene	4
Labelling & information	4
Advertising & marketing	3

By jurisdiction

UK	42
USA	10
N. Ireland	1

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