



Food Solutions Food Forum- Your voice in Europe

The aims of Food Solutions

- ❖ To provide a voice for Food Business Operators in Europe to ensure that food regulations are practical and address the interests of SME and Micro FBOs before they are introduced
- ❖ To make those businesses aware of existing and potential regulations
- ❖ To help food businesses comply with the food regulations in a simple cost effective way

How will membership of Food Solutions benefit your business?

When running a food business not only do you have to deal with everyday activities, you also have to comply with food regulations.

New or amended food regulations are constantly being written. If the views of food SMEs are not considered during the consultation process the end result could have a detrimental effect on your business.

Food Solutions is the only British representative on the [UEAPME Food Forum](#) from all the Member States that puts over the views of food SMEs to the EU officials. That Forum is the only one recognised by the Commission as speaking on behalf of small businesses.

Why is this important?

- You will have direct access to the decision makers in Europe.
- You will have the opportunity to influence new regulations before they are introduced.
- You will be told about what is planned at EU level to do with food.
- UEAPME works **with** officials, this proactive approach achieves results

Before any changes to food regulations are introduced there is a lengthy consultation period. In some cases this may last many years. This is when your voice counts. SMEs need to be aware of any changes that might have a detrimental effect on their business.

Food Solutions is a not-for-profit company with its principals having experience in SME food businesses, EU regulation and representation and involvement with regulatory bodies in the UK.

In the UK, Food Solutions works with the FSA in drafting guidance.

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IT CANNOT CHANGE THE REGULATION ITSELF.
This is why involvement at European level is vital. Food Solutions is able to compare the approach of other**

It is no good waiting until new regulations are introduced to start complaining - by then it's too late.

The cost

There is a significant cost and associated costs for membership of UEAPME. Therefore we need to raise funding to enable us to represent the SMEs in the UK.

For individual food businesses and food professionals the annual fee is just £30.

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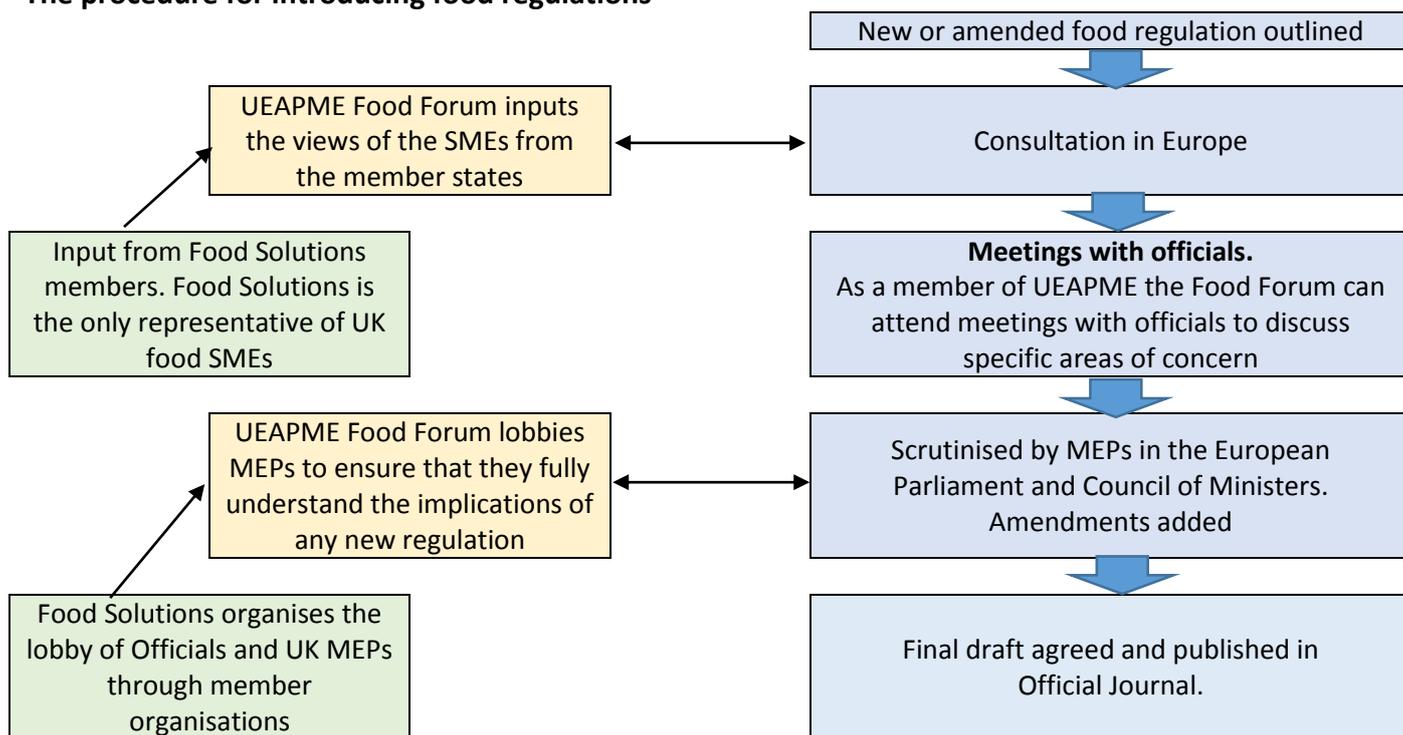
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How does the Food Forum work to influence food regulations?

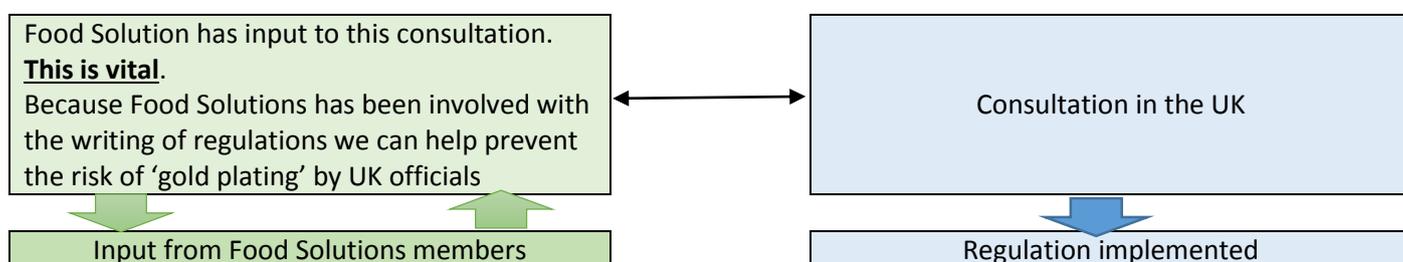
Before a new or amended food regulation is introduced there is a lengthy consultation period. The collective strength of the UEAPME Food Panel is used to influence the final outcome as not to be detrimental to SME and Micro food businesses. Food Solutions represents the views of UK food businesses at this stage. Once the regulation is published in the Official Journal **it becomes law.**

The procedure for introducing food regulations



In the UK the FSA converts into UK Law

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Food regulations are constantly changing. It is no good complaining after something has happened that could ruin your business if it has become law it is too late to change it!

By working together and being in the right place at the right time talking to the right people you can make a difference.