

The FSA is looking at a major change to how large food businesses are regulated. And the direction of travel is clear: better use of data.

At its September 2026 Board meeting, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) agreed to develop proposals for a new regulatory model, initially focusing on large retailers.

Developed proposals are due back to the Board in March 2027, followed by public consultation later that year.

One of the key themes is greater use of connected data and intelligence to support risk-based food regulation.

For food manufacturers, this is worth paying attention to. Although retailers are the initial focus, the FSA is exploring whether elements of the approach could eventually extend to manufacturing, out-of-home and feed businesses.

If you supply major retailers, it's worth asking whether your own traceability and quality records are ready for greater scrutiny.

Two practical questions to consider:

✓ If a customer or regulator requested your food traceability records tomorrow, how quickly could you produce them?

✓ Is your compliance evidence captured as production happens, or reconstructed afterwards?

At Hub & Spoke, this is exactly where our work begins.

Our food traceability software connects goods-in, stock movements, production, packaging and despatch, helping food manufacturers capture batch information throughout the production process.

Combined with QMS tools, this helps businesses manage quality processes and maintain more organised, accessible records.

Don't wait until someone asks for the evidence to find out how difficult it is to produce.

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