



News in brief – July edition

New food packaging guide published

The Food Standards Agency has published a new guide aimed at businesses involved in food packaging and at those bodies that enforce the rules governing such businesses.

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/newguide>

Aspartame study to begin

The Food Standards Agency is to begin a new study looking at aspartame. The research will focus on people who have reported bad reactions to the artificial sweetener.

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/aspartame>

Scientific consultation on iron and health launched

The Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) has today issued a scientific consultation on their draft report that reviews the evidence on iron and health.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/sacnlaunchesconsultation>

Older people gambling with food safety

People over the age of 60 are more likely to take risks with 'use by' dates than younger people, according to new research published by the Food Standards Agency. The research coincided with the launch of an Agency campaign to focus on this age group during Food Safety Week in June.

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/fswolder>

Update on scores on the doors

The Food Standards Agency has published details of the first meetings of the recently established Working Groups of the UK-wide Scores on the Doors Steering Group, which is overseeing the development of the national six-tier scores on the doors scheme (and the two-tier scheme in Scotland).

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/sotdupdate090612>

New study highlights undeclared ingredients in chicken products

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has carried out an exploratory study into injection powders used to retain water in chicken breast products supplied mainly to the catering trade.

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/chicken>

Manures guidance published

The Food Standards Agency has published guidance on managing farm manures to help reduce the number of consumers that get food poisoning from ready-to-eat crops.

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/manures>

Update on products free of colours associated with hyperactivity

The Food Standards Agency has updated its list of product ranges that do not contain the six food colours associated with possible hyperactivity in young children. A further two manufacturers producing product lines free of the colours have been added to the list.

Visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/jun/coloursjune>

Food Alerts

Food Alerts are the FSA's way of letting local authorities, consumers and business know about problems associated with food and, in some cases, provide details of specific action to be taken. To subscribe to food alerts visit <http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/alerts/>

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