

CIEH Food Safety Conference

Day two programme: Thursday 9 July 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Sterling Crew, Public Health Advocate

09.35 **Keynote: The Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025: What EHOs Need to Know**

- Understanding the Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025 and its implications for the EHO role in practice

Speaker: Jessica Merryfield, Head of Policy & Campaigns, Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI)

09:55 **The UK–EU SPS Agreement: Implications for EHOs**

- An overview of the UK–EU Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement and its implications for EHOs. Including impacts on food and animal product imports, border controls, traceability, supply chains, inland enforcement and the wider implications for food safety.

Speaker: Anthony Baldock CEnvH FCIEH, Director of Health and Wellbeing, Ashford Borough Council

10:30 **Salmonella at a Decade High: Understanding the Trends and Risks**

Speaker: Hannah Charles, Lead Epidemiologist, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

11:00 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:15 **Ultra-Processed Foods: Emerging Evidence and Implications for Environmental Health**

- Examining the growing debate around ultra-processed foods (UPFs), including emerging evidence, potential future regulatory developments, changing consumer expectations, and the practical implications for environmental health professionals, food businesses, and local authorities.

Speaker: Professor John O Warner, Imperial College London

11:45 **Emerging viral risks for EHOs: food, water, rodents and the changing public health landscape**

- Exploring emerging microbiological threats, including recent developments from the Hantavirus outbreak, evolving understanding of transmission routes, the growing significance of rat Hepatitis E virus (HEV) and the impact of climate change on public health risks.

Speaker: Martin D'Agostino, Director, ViroSafety Ltd

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12:20 From expired food to fraud: Food safety prosecutions in practice

- Exploring real-world enforcement case studies from Shared Regulatory Services, including prosecution for sale of food past its use-by date and a complex halal meat fraud investigation.

Speaker: Christina Hill, Head of Shared Regulatory Services

13.10 **Closing remarks**

13.15 **End of conference**

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