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Setting the standard: Helping regulators and businesses stay legal



Current position for regulators to achieve compliance

Informal advice/action
Written warning
Formal caution
Prosecution

FiRs position

Awaiting UK legislation
anticipated July 2014

Improvement notice

Can require food to be removed from sale

Appeal process-different for
England/Wales/Scotland

FiRs position

Offence for non compliance with notice

Offence for selling after use by date

Offence for allergen labelling non
compliances

Will still need to consider

Enforcement Concordat

Regulators Compliance Code (newly amended)

Code for Crown Prosecutors

Local Authority enforcement policy

Other factors to consider

Primary Authority principle

BRDO mediation process

Home Authority principle

What will happen in December 2014?

Pragmatic approach
Impact on businesses
Coordination about different
interpretations

Achieving Better Regulation

Food Standards Focus Group
Linked business group(BExG)
Knowledge Hub regulator forum

Current thoughts about FiCs

Lots of interpretation issues
Lots of traffic on KH about these
BExG also raising issues

Other issues

Code of Practice under review

Elliott review

Focus on Food fraud

Cuts to Trading Standards service

Erosion of Public Analyst services

Creation of NTSB

Thank you

