

Introduction - Statement on the EFSA Opinion on the risks to human health related to the presence of perfluoroalkyl substances in food

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Introduction

1. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was asked, by the European Commission, to prepare an Opinion on the risks to human health related to the presence of perfluoroalkylated substances (PFASs) in food, and to consider existing hazard assessments and available occurrence data. The statement was published in September 2020.
2. The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer products and the Environment (COT) have reviewed [the EFSA Opinion Risk to human health related to the presence of perfluoroalkyl substances in food \(2020\)](#) and considered the outputs alongside UK exposure data to assess the potential risks to the UK population from PFASs (predominantly through exposure via the diet).