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Reference Section

LACORS is the Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services. Its vision is "To make a major contribution to the development of high quality, consistent and coordinated local authority regulatory and related services across the UK". It works as a central body for the local authority Associations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to assist all 467 local authorities in the United Kingdom to improve continuously the quality of regulatory services by promoting coordination, consistency and good regulation. LACORS liaises closely with other European and International organisations engaged in business controls and other regulatory activities.

Who should subscribe? *UK, European and Global:*

- Researchers
- Educational Establishments
- Legal Services
- Individual Businesses
- Consumer Associations
- Central and other Regulatory Agencies
- Media and Marketing
- Trade Associations and Business Groups

Categories in the Reference Section

Animal Health and Welfare

- Guidance based on national and EU disease control and welfare legislation.
- Information on operational and contingency planning.

Consumer Credit

- Guidance on the interpretation of specific consumer credit law requirements.
- Details of recommended enforcement approaches.

Environmental

- General guidance on packaging and labelling of consumer goods, specific topics include legislation on Packaging (Essential Requirements) Directive, energy efficiency and waste electrical products.
- Advice and information on green claims.

Fair Trading

- Guidance on the interpretation of specific fair trading requirements including pricing legislation, trade descriptions, estate agency, packaged travel, hallmarking, counterfeiting.
- Information on partnership working and initiatives such as good trader schemes, ombudsman schemes.

- Details of proposed and actual UK and European legislative changes.
- Details of recommended enforcement approaches.
- e-commerce.
- Stop Now Orders/Enterprise Legislation.
- Distance selling rules.
- Unfair contract terms.

Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs

- Guidance on the application of existing and new controls, good compliance practice and local authority resources.
- Advice on the use of such legislation in the farm to fork food environment.

Food Hygiene/Safety

- Advice on a range of queries relating to the application of the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995 including issues such as hazard analysis, the provision of rare beef, the use of raw eggs and local and port health issues concerning dried spices and salmonella contamination.
- Sampling Guidance and details of over 20 previous LACORS/PHLS national sampling studies.
- Guidance and aide memoire inspection advice.

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Food Standards

- Detailed questions and answers relating to interpretation of specific food labelling law requirements.
- General guidance on product categories eg: labelling of sandwiches.
- Details of recommended enforcement approaches eg: GM testing of foods, sampling techniques.

Law and Evidence

- Advice, guidance and interpretation on areas of criminal and civil legislation and case law.
- Reviewing enforcement and evidential issues including legislation and codes of practice on the Human Rights Act 1998, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Metrology

- Guidance on specific metrology law requirements, best practice and associated documents from other agencies, government departments and trade organisations.
- Active involvement with WELMEC, NWML & DTI in developing legislation and uniformity of enforcement.
- Legal opinions on a range of matters including, case details and judgments, concordat advice and price marking/metrication guidance.
- Road Traffic guidance on matters dealing with such issues as dynamic weighers, authorised lorry weights and prosecution criteria.

Petroleum and Explosives

- Guidance on interpretation of the petroleum legislation.
- Advice on fireworks and explosives storage, registration, sales and licensing of explosives. Copies of joint industry / enforcement advice.

Product Safety

- Guidance and advice on legal requirements of product safety, European health and safety Directives and legislation. Advice on chemicals and dangerous substances law in the UK.
- Views from LACORS advisers and technical experts on product safety matters.

Strategic and Policy

- Performance Management and Best Value.
- Enforcement Concordat Information and Guidance.
- Regulatory Protocols.
- Best Practice.
- Home Authority Principle.

Under Age Sales

- Guidance on policies relating to under age sales, age restricted goods legislation and details of protocols on under age sales.
- Information on tobacco advertising and promotion legislation and healthier living initiatives.
- LACORS/TSI code of practice on test purchasing of age restricted goods.

Licensing

In the future LACORS plans to provide guidance on public entertainment licensing and liquor licensing if, as seems likely, this function passes to local authorities.

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