

Legislation update

An overview of the key consultations, legislative developments and government announcements published in September 2026.

Consultations that opened in September 2026

Scottish Government - Price controls on essential food items: draft legislative provisions

This consultation seeks views on the proposed introduction of legal price caps on essential food items. This would include a cap on the price of certain goods sold by large supermarket chains in their stores or online. Views are being sought on this proposal, and also on the design of any scheme introduced so that it delivers maximum benefit for people in Scotland.

Opened 01/09/2026, closes 24/11/2026.

DBIST - Modernising corporate reporting

DBIST are seeking views on how the corporate reporting framework in the UK could be modernised to better meet the needs of companies, investors and the wider economy.

Opened 07/09/2026, closes 30/11/2026.

OTC - Local bus service performance standards: consultation

Senior Traffic Commissioner consultation on local bus service performance standards in England and Wales.

Opened 17/09/2026, closes 11/12/2026.

Reform UK - Planning Teal Paper

Our plan to halt Britain's housing crisis and reverse the decline of our town centres.

Opened 20/09/2026, closes 31/12/2026.

APPG - Health and welfare in freight and logistics: A call for evidence

The call for evidence was launched by APPG Chair Rachel Taylor MP at the Driving Better Health event on 4 September 2026, bringing together representatives from across the freight and logistics sector to discuss the health challenges facing drivers and the action needed to address them.

Opened 04/09/2026, closes 09/10/2026.

Consultations that closed in September 2026

DBT - Make Work Pay: workplace monitoring technologies

DBT sought views on proposals to support the fair, transparent and responsible use of workplace monitoring technologies, used to monitor, manage or make decisions relating to workers.

Opened 08/07/2026, closed 30/09/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating:

Workplace monitoring technologies are vital in logistics, improving safety, security, efficiency, compliance, and customer service. Risks are mainly linked to how these technologies are used, making transparency, communication, and human oversight essential. Existing laws already provide strong worker protections, and Logistics UK sees no need for additional regulation. If further action is taken, clear guidance rather than new legislation would be the most proportionate approach, while continuing to support technology that enhances safety and productivity.

DoE - Consultation on the Northern Ireland Curriculum 2028

The Department of Education sought views on the draft Northern Ireland Curriculum Framework 2028. This consultation set out a new, knowledge-rich curriculum designed to improve clarity, coherence and progression for all learners. Responses from stakeholders will inform the final design of the curriculum prior to implementation.

Opened 16/06/2026, closed 30/09/2026.

Skills England - [Proposal to Retire the SCV Apprenticeship](#)

The proposal is subject to the apprenticeship having low numbers when compared to other mainstream and non-maritime apprenticeships. Skills England are collecting responses as part of their consultation.

Opened 01/08/2026, closed 30/09/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating:

Maritime apprenticeships should be valued for their strategic contribution, not simply the number of starts. They are vital for supporting trade, logistics, defence, coastal economies, net zero goals, and national resilience. Retiring key standards could weaken skills pipelines and reduce valuable earn-and-learn opportunities that promote social mobility in coastal communities. Low uptake may reflect limited awareness of maritime careers rather than lack of demand. Logistics UK supports efforts to increase recruitment and recommends retaining existing standards or introducing flexible alternatives, such as modular or levy-funded training, while ensuring clear replacement pathways that deliver equivalent skills and workforce outcomes.

DfT - [Updating GB type approval for passenger and goods vehicles](#)

Incorporating certain EU and international vehicle regulations into the GB type approval scheme.

Opened 18/08/2026, closed 29/09/2026.

Learning and Work Institute - [Welsh Government: Skills Audit for Wales](#)

Learning and Work Institute Cymru has been commissioned by Welsh Government to undertake a Skills Audit for Wales to identify the skills needed now and in the coming years to support and grow the Welsh economy.

Opened 24/07/2026, closed 25/09/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating:

Logistics is a key sector underpinning industries such as manufacturing, retail, healthcare, construction, and trade. The sector faces growing demand for technical, digital, engineering, leadership, and management skills as automation, AI, electrification, and decarbonisation transform workforce needs. With most of the 2030 workforce already employed, upskilling and reskilling existing workers will be essential. Employers, particularly SMEs, face challenges accessing funding, specialist training, and flexible development pathways, with technical training capacity a concern in Wales. Strengthening leadership development, career progression, and awareness of logistics careers will be critical to supporting productivity, growth, and economic resilience.

DBT - [Call for evidence: digital product record policy](#)

The government sought views on digital product records to inform future policy development and understand the potential impacts for businesses, consumers and supply chains.

Opened 27/07/2026, closed 21/09/2026.

DfT - [Road Investment Strategy 3 \(RIS3\): 2026 to 2031](#)

The Department for Transport has consulted on proposed changes to the third Road Investment Strategy (RIS3), including a £428 million reduction in capital funding and the proposed cancellation of the A38 Derby Junctions and A46 Newark Bypass schemes.

Opened 30/07/2026, closed 14/09/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating:

Logistics UK supports increased defence spending but stresses that funding changes should not undermine strategically important freight routes that are vital for economic growth, supply chain resilience, and national security. Key projects such as the A46 Newark Bypass and A38 Derby Junctions are essential for freight movement, logistics hubs, manufacturing, and trade corridors. Maintaining a reliable infrastructure pipeline is critical to business confidence and private sector investment. If RIS3 savings are required, government should carefully consider the economic, freight, resilience, and defence impacts, prioritising alternatives that avoid harming nationally significant transport routes and associated growth opportunities.

Multi Department - [Automated vehicles: statement of safety principles](#)

Sought views on the draft statement of safety principles for automated vehicles.

Opened 30/05/2026, closed 09/09/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating:

Logistics UK supports the proposed Statement of Safety Principles as a strong framework for the safe introduction of automated vehicles in Great Britain. It endorses a safety standard equivalent to that of a careful and competent human driver and supports the use of behavioural principles to assess performance. The framework should account for the distinct operating environments and risks of freight vehicles, with standards comparable to those for professional HGV drivers. Key considerations include cybersecurity, system resilience, and ongoing safety assurance. Successful deployment will require public confidence, infrastructure readiness, proportionate regulation, and alignment with international standards.

DfT - [In-use emissions of road vehicles: regulating environmental impacts](#)

Sought views on proposals to strengthen the law around emissions from motor vehicles that are in-use on GB roads.

Opened 06/07/2026, closed 06/09/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating:

Logistics UK supports measures to ensure vehicles continue meeting their original emissions standards and backs action against deliberate tampering of emissions-control systems. However, any new rules must reflect the realities of commercial fleet operations, ensuring operators are not penalised for issues beyond their control, such as parts shortages, manufacturer delays, or inherited defects in used vehicles. The organisation advocates a risk-based, proportionate enforcement approach focused on intentional non-compliance. It also calls for clear guidance, practical exemptions, alignment with existing regulations, and sufficient implementation time to help operators achieve compliance while delivering environmental benefits.

DfT - [Draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement proposed amendments](#)

Sought views on the proposed amendments to the Airports National Policy Statement.

Opened 18/06/2026, closed 01/09/2026.

Announcements, September 2026

01/09/2026 - HMRC - [Transit newsletters](#)

The 'September 2026 – future customs infrastructure arrangements at Sevington and Holyhead inland border facilities' newsletter has been added.

01/09/2026 - NI - [Secretary of State for Northern Ireland announces reappointments to Intertrade UK](#)

Intertrade UK is a non-statutory advisory body established by the UK government to advise on and promote trade within the United Kingdom.

01/09/2026 - DBT - [Zero hours contracts: guidance for employers](#)

Guidance on zero hours contracts. Includes information on how to use them, employment rights and alternatives.

02/09/2026 - DESNZ - [EM on energy and tyre labelling simplification \(COM\(2026\)565\)](#)

The government's summary of a Proposal for a Regulation as regards simplification and better use of digital options for energy and tyre labelling.

02/09/2026 - DVSA - [Rules for buses and coaches used for driving tests](#)

Updated to clarify that you the vehicle you use must require the driving licence category you're taking the test for – you cannot use a vehicle that can be driven using a lower driving licence category, even if it meets all the other rules.

02/09/2026 - DVSA - [Rules for lorries used for driving tests](#)

Updated to clarify that you the vehicle you use must require the driving licence category you're taking the test for – you cannot use a vehicle that can be driven using a lower driving licence category, even if it meets all the other rules.

03/09/2026 - Multi Department - [Independent regulatory review of the Office of the Rail and Road \(ORR\)](#)

Independent regulatory review of the Office of the Rail and Road (ORR) report produced by Dr Richard Judge.

05/09/2026 - Multi Department - [Crackdown on illegal number plates with new government funded roads policing team](#)

New roads policing centre helping to track down offenders faster and disrupt organised crime groups that rely on England's road network.

08/09/2026 - DfT - [First inspection deferral for new dangerous goods vehicles entering into service](#)

This authorisation notice allows new tank vehicles to enter into service and be used on the roads of Great Britain without an ADR1(C) certificate. ADR part 9 inspection and certification is required from the date that the vehicle was due to have its first roadworthiness inspection under *The Goods Vehicle (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988* as amended. The authorisation is valid until 31 August 2026.

09/09/2026 - CBAM - [Commercial vehicle testing data for Great Britain](#)

Updated to include data from:

- June to September 2025.
- October to December 2025.
- January to March 2026.
- April to June 2026.

09/09/2026 - HMRC - [Carbon border adjustment mechanism \(CBAM\): Policy summary](#)

This document provides a summary of CBAM policy. It includes the core policy framework which is set out via primary legislation in *The Finance Act 2026* and details set out in the draft secondary legislation and notices. Further details will be included in secondary legislation, notices and GOV.UK guidance.

10/09/2026 - DfT - [Port freight quarterly statistics: April to June 2026](#)

Provisional quarterly statistics on freight handled by UK major ports for April to June 2026.

15/09/2026 - DEFRA - [Government response to the Office for Environmental Protection review of Environment Agency inspections of waste operations and installations in England](#)

The government's response to the Office for Environmental Protection's review of Environment Agency inspections of waste operations and installations in England.

15/09/2026 - DfT - [Zero emission van and truck grant: eligibility and applications](#)

Application forms updated.

17/09/2026 - DVSA - [Vehicle enforcement data for Great Britain](#)

Updated to include data from July 2025 to June 2026.

22/09/2026 - APHA - [Export or move livestock and poultry](#)

The way you contact APHA has changed because the email address exports@apha.gov.uk is no longer in use. A link to the contact form has been added.

24/09/2026 - DVSA - [Securing loads on HGVs and goods vehicles](#)

Updated 'Local deliveries, including brewery and coal' to include a link to Logistics UK's brewing and drinks industry best practice guide.

24/09/2026 - DfT - [Road safety statistics](#)

Statistics and data about reported collisions and casualties on public roads in Great Britain.

30/09/2026 - OTC - [Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain publish 2025-26 annual report](#)

The Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain have today (30 September 2026) released their Annual Report to the Secretary of State for 2025 to 2026.

30/09/2026 - OTC - [Traffic Commissioner Strategic Objectives 2026 – 2029](#)

Traffic Commissioners have set out their key objectives for 2026 to 2029.

30/09/2026 - DfT - [Travel time measures for the Strategic Road Network, England and local 'A' roads, Great Britain: July 2025 to June 2026](#)

Congestion on the Strategic Road Network (motorways and 'A' roads managed by National Highways) in England, and on locally managed 'A' roads in Great Britain for the year ending June 2026.