

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (a summary)

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Background

Date	
2009	Recipe for Success
2014	Vision for Good Food Nation
2015	Scottish Food Commission
2017	Commission recommendations
2018	Consultation on proposals for legislation
2019	Commitment to introduce a Bill
2020	Bill paused
2021	Bill introduced 7 October
2022	Royal Assent 26 July

Purpose of the Act

- Act underpins ongoing work
- Places duties on Scottish Ministers and certain public authorities to produce plans of policies in relation to food
- Regard must be had to the scope for food related issues to affect outcomes such as:
 - social and economic wellbeing
 - the environment
 - people's health and physical and mental wellbeing
 - economic development
 - animal welfare
 - education
 - child poverty

Next steps

- Preparation of National Good Food Nation Plan
- Establishment of statutory Scottish Food Commission
- Relevant authorities plans to follow 12 months after National plan is published
- Timeline being developed