

Food Law

From farm to table, every stage of the production and distribution cycle involves regulations that intersect with business strategy. To help you mitigate risk, respond to challenges, and capture opportunities, the lawyers of Hogan Lovells combine insiders' knowledge with hands-on practical advice.

We help you anticipate, shape, and comply with regulations at the international, national, state, and local levels. With lawyers who have high-level experience in government and industry, and others with relevant scientific and technological backgrounds, we assess and implement strategies that reduce the risk of violations and support business growth.

Our lawyers also have participated in the development and implementation of nearly every legislative and regulatory initiative affecting the food industry in the last 40 years. This means we have the necessary relationships and understanding of processes at major regulatory agencies to guide you.

How confident are you in your food safety controls? If you do experience an illness outbreak, what will be your response? Are you ready to face such issues as recalls, class-action lawsuits, today's heightened regulatory environment, and implementation of new compliance requirements, such as under the Food Safety Modernization Act in the United States? The food industry's challenges are abundant, and we can help you address them.

Key contacts

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Our food law and policy page serves the latest in food law and policy while helping you stay up to date on the developments in the food, beverage and agriculture industry.

[Our global food and beverage team](#)

Areas of focus

Consumer Product Safety
Regulation

Food Compliance and Enforcement

Food and Beverages

Food Recalls

What's more, our portfolio of clients is diverse. We advise the world's top food and beverage producers, manufacturers, and retailers, as well as start-ups, trade associations, and nonprofits. Because we counsel a wide array of organizations and companies, we understand the issues and legal concerns facing this industry like no one else. We are not just food lawyers, but food industry lawyers.

Representative experience

Represented the National Restaurant Association for more than 25 years in understanding and applying federal menu labeling rules.

Assist American Frozen Food Institute for 35 years in developing and implementing regulatory and policy strategy before FDA and USDA.

Advised the International Dairy Foods Association and drafted comments on FDA's supplemental proposed rules to implement the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.

Advising Grocery Manufacturers Association on the rapidly emerging issue of food biotechnology.

Awards and rankings

- Band 1 for Food & Beverages: Regulatory & Litigation Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2010-2024
- Band 1 for Product Liability: Food, *Chambers UK*, 2021
- Band 2 for Regulatory: Agro/Food, *Chambers Europe*, 2020
- Tier 1 for EU Regulatory: Food (Belgium), *The Legal 500 EMEA*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

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Insights and Analysis

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Hogan Lovells Events

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