

## Product Risk Radar

### UK Product Liability Reform

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Product safety and regulatory reform is beginning to take shape in the UK. The Product Regulation and Metrology Bill, which was introduced in the House of Lords in September 2024, is making its way through the legislative process.

The Bill, as originally drafted, does not include specific proposals for reform of the strict product liability regime in the UK. However, it is expected that the UK Government will move on in time to consider updating the strict product liability regime (especially as the EU has now adopted the new Product Liability Directive, which will apply from 2026 ([see here](#))).

The drivers for the EU adopting the new Product Liability Directive (including changes in technology and concerns that it is too difficult for consumers to obtain compensation if they suffer damages caused by a defective product) apply equally in the UK. It is likely that the UK Government will look closely at the newly adopted EU Directive when considering UK product liability reform. However, there are no guarantees that any amendments to the UK regime will mirror the changes adopted for the EU. Businesses would likely encourage the UK Government not to amend the burden of proof in the same way as the new EU Product Liability Directive.

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