

# **Novel foods in the UK - innovation and safety, sustainable food production and the evolving regulatory landscape 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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