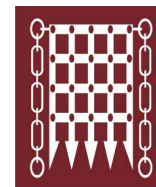


Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar: The UK food supply chain: transparency, competition and the role of the Groceries Code Adjudicator

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 8th March 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 9.10 - 9.20 **Brexit and the UK grocery sector: regulation, pricing and international trade**
Hilary Ross, Executive Partner, London and Head of Retail, Food and Hospitality, DWF
- 9.20 - 9.40 **Latest consumer trends in UK food retail market: implications for the supply chain**
Mike Watkins, Head of Retailer and Business Insight, Nielsen UK
Questions and comment from the floor with **Hilary Ross**, Executive Partner, London and Head of Retail, Food and Hospitality, DWF
- 9.40 - 9.50 **Priorities for protecting consumers and tackling food crime in the UK**
Andy Morling, Head of Food Crime, National Food Crime Unit, Food Standards Agency
- 9.50 - 10.30 **Increasing consumer trust in the food supply chain: transparency, food crime and labelling policies**
With consumers demanding more information about the food they purchase, what opportunity does Brexit present UK policymakers for strengthening the domestic food regulatory framework - particularly mandatory country-of-origin labelling, food hygiene rules, front and back-of-pack nutritional labels and designated food protections? How can government mitigate the potentially negative consequences of divergence between domestic and EU food regulations on food companies exporting to European markets and consumers? What are best practice examples of managing and improving food safety, with particular focus on big data analytics? How can the sector share information gained through analysis more efficiently going forwards to tackle instances of food crime and support transparency in the supply chain? Are regulatory structures needed more widely to encourage those working within or are associated with the UK food industry to report instances of food fraud?
Eoghan Daly, Manager, Forensic and Counter-Fraud Services, Crowe Clark Whitehill
James Gray, National Chairman, Tenant Farmers Association
Helen Munday, Chief Scientific Officer, Food and Drink Federation
Questions and comments from the floor with **Andy Morling**, Head of Food Crime, National Food Crime Unit, Food Standards Agency
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 10.35 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Calum Kerr MP, SNP Westminster Group Leader, Environment and Rural Affairs and Co-Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Food and Drink Manufacturing
- 11.05 - 11.35 **'The Groceries Code Adjudicator: working for fairness in the grocery supply chain'**
Christine Tacon, Groceries Code Adjudicator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.50 **Supporting British farming and the role of the GCA**
Minette Batters, Deputy President, NFU
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.55 **The future for the UK's Groceries Supply Code of Practice**
In anticipation of a response from government on their public consultation into the GCA's performance, what are key perspectives on how the groceries code can be future-proofed, particularly in the context of uncertainty over Brexit? In light of the latest GCA annual sector survey results noting that there has been no increase in the number of direct suppliers willing to raise issues with the GCA, are further measures needed to promote awareness and trust in the enforcement of the code? With the European Commission considering recommendations from the EU Agricultural Markets Taskforce on how to improve fairness in trading practices, what can UK government take from this - particularly focusing on market data auditing, safeguarding against forecasting errors and up-front payment practices? If these are partially or fully incorporated into the UK code, what may be the potential impact on innovation, efficiency, access to goods and pricing within the supply chain?
Michael Bell, Executive Director, Northern Ireland Food and Drink Association
Chris Mallon, National Director, National Beef Association
Tim Aldred, Head of Policy and Research, Fairtrade Foundation
Duncan Swift, Partner & Head of Food Advisory Group, Moore Stephens, Chartered Accountants
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Calum Kerr MP, SNP Westminster Group Leader, Environment and Rural Affairs and Co-Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Food and Drink Manufacturing
Amy Cutter, Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum