

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for improving the UK food supply chain and priorities for the Groceries Code Adjudicator

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th March 2015

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Spencer MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Food and Drink Manufacturing Group
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Next steps for improving integrity in the food supply chain**
Michael Walker, Subject Matter Expert, *Elliott Review into the integrity and assurance of food supply networks*, and Managing Director, Michael Walker Consulting
- 9.15 - 10.00 **Priorities for implementation and best practice: data collection, collaboration and enforcement**
In light of the Elliott review into the integrity of the food chain, and the Government's adoption of the review's recommendations, what progress has been made in implementation? What more can be done to improve data collection and investigation into the extent of food crime in the food supply chain? With the creation of a new European food fraud unit and a UK Food Crime Unit, what opportunities exist to increase co-operation between FERA and DG SANCO to maintain supply chain integrity? How might the Government and industry work together to improve the auditing and testing of supply networks and strengthen powers to investigate suspected breaches? With competition in the food retail sector to provide low cost food increasing, what more can be done to discourage 'casual dishonesty', as reported in the review, from retailers and manufacturers in the labelling of their products?
Barbara Gallani, Director, Regulatory, Science and Health, Food and Drink Federation
Carole Payne, Senior Consultant, Strategic Consulting Group, NSF International
Sue Davies, Chief Policy Adviser, Which?
Phil Bicknell, Head of Food and Farming, NFU
Questions and comments from the floor with **Michael Walker**, Subject Matter Expert, *Elliott Review into the integrity and assurance of food supply networks*, and Managing Director, Michael Walker Consulting
- 10.00 - 10.10 **'Ensuring integrity in the food supply chain: the role of regulation and of the regulator'**
Steve Wearne, Director of Policy, Food Standards Agency
- 10.10 - 10.20 **Maintaining food quality and consumer confidence**
Jenny Morris, Head, Institute of Food Safety, Integrity & Protection
- 10.20 - 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Spencer MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Food and Drink Manufacturing Group
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
- 11.10 - 11.40 **The Groceries Code Adjudicator: priorities and progress**
Christine Tacon, Groceries Code Adjudicator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.00 **Supply chain stability and the Groceries Code: a retail perspective**
Alex Simpson, Code Compliance Officer and Board Member, ASDA
Question and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.45 **Towards a fairer food supply chain: trading practices, pricing and sustainability**
Jack Ward, Chief Executive, British Growers Association
Dan Crossley, Executive Director, Food Ethics Council
Barbara Crowther, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Fairtrade Foundation
John Noble, Director, British Brands Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Concluding thoughts**
Christine Tacon, Groceries Code Adjudicator
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum