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Dear Consultee,

Options for tariff quota administration for garlic imported from China

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) invites your views on the administration of the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for garlic imported from China. This consultation is being carried out by Defra and will be open from 21st October 2022 to 16th December 2022.

The objective of this consultation is to gather views on the best way to administer the garlic TRQ in the future. We are seeking your views on five possible options and are interested in any alternative proposals and supporting evidence you can provide.

The quota for garlic imported from China is managed by a license system as demand usually outstrips supply. The way the licenses are administered can affect who qualifies for a share of quota and how much they are allocated. It can also influence how easy it is for new applicants to obtain a share of quota.

This consultation is open to anyone with an interest to provide comments. It is particularly relevant to those who import garlic into the UK or are interested in importing garlic.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website by using [this link](#) which can be forwarded to any interested party.

- Consultation Document
- Data Privacy Notice

If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please email: agri.trade@defra.gov.uk

Responses

To submit your consultation response please:

- complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool) by using [this link](#).
- or send additional information or documents to the Agri-trade team by email to agri.trade@defra.gov.uk
- respond by post to the Agri-trade team using the address below.

Responses should be received by 16th December 2022.

Written responses can be submitted to:

Agri-trade team
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Consultation criteria

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office "[Consultation Principles](#)".

Confidentiality and data protection

Please find the Consultations Privacy Notice uploaded alongside this consultation.

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

Consultation Coordinator
2nd floor
Foss House
Kings Pool
1-2 Peasholme Green
York
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Or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

Where we have contact details, we will share a summary of responses after the end of the consultation period

Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation.

If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours sincerely,

Agri-trade team

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