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Dear Consultee

Consultation on the abolition of Food from Britain

1. I am writing to invite comments on the Government's plans for the legislative abolition of Food from Britain; the Defra sponsored Non-Departmental Public Body which promoted UK food exports between 1983 and 2009. Although FFB closed its operations in March 2009 and no longer functions as a public body, the legislation which established FFB is still in place.

2. The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on whether to formally dissolve FFB in law by repealing the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983, which initially established FFB, or to do nothing, allowing the legislation to remain in force for the foreseeable future. The preferred option of the UK Government is to repeal the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983.

3. Full details of the consultation, including the rationale to the proposals and background to FFB, are contained in a consultation document which may be found on our consultation website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/food/food-from-britain>, together with this letter. Since FFB is a defunct body, it has not been necessary to include an Impact Assessment for this exercise. If you would like to receive hard copies of the documents, please email your request to: ffb@defra.gsi.gov.uk or call on 020 7238 6477.

Responses

4. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. We would prefer you to give us your answers to the consultations questions using the online survey on our consultation website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/food/food-from-britain>. If you are unable to do so, we will accept responses via email to the consultation mailbox: ffb@defra.gsi.gov.uk.



5. Alternatively, postal responses should be addressed to:
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6. Responses should be received by **31 October 2013**.

Consultation Criteria

7. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>.

8. When this consultation ends, we intend to retain a copy of the responses on file. This is in order that members of the public may see them if they so request. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation. The responses will be stored by us for six months after which they will be sent to the government file store for retention.

9. 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. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

10. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

11. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.gov.uk/defra. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

12. To see consultation responses and summaries, please email your request to the consultation mailbox at: ffb@defra.gsi.gov.uk or write to me at the address given in paragraph 5 above.

13. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, room 629, 9 Milbank, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

14. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact me as above.

Yours faithfully

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