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Dear Consultee,

CONSULTATION ON THE UPDATED FISH LABELLING (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

1. I am writing to invite views on proposals for the updated Fish Labelling (England) Regulations 2012

Consultation documents

2. The following documents can be found on the Defra website:
www.defra.gov.uk/consult

- Consultation letter
- Consultation document
- List of consultees
- Impact assessment
- Draft statutory instrument
- Draft guidance
- UK Commercial Designation List of Fish

Scope of this consultation

3. Defra is seeking views from those involved in the trade of fishery products and other stakeholders in the fish industry. This consultation explains the proposed changes to the Fish Labelling (England) Regulations as a result of new requirements on 'information to the consumer' introduced by the EU Common Fisheries Policy Control Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 and (EU) 404/2011. The consultation also seeks views on proposals to change how the list of Commercial Designations for fish will be maintained on an ongoing basis including new additions to this list.

4. Following consultation, new domestic regulations, Fish Labelling (England) Regulations 2012 will be laid before Parliament at the end of 2012 and will repeal the Fish Labelling (England) Regulations 2010. The new domestic regulations will apply in England. Governments in other parts of the UK (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) will be making their own separate implementing regulations.

Obtaining copies of the consultation paper

5. An electronic copy of the consultation paper can be downloaded from the Defra website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult

6. If you require a printed copy of this consultation please contact the Food Policy Team at: foodpolicyunit@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Or write to us at:

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Responses

7. Anyone may reply to this consultation.

8. Email responses should be sent to:
foodpolicyunit@defra.gsi.gov.uk Subject: Fish Labelling Consultation

Written responses should be sent to:

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9. This consultation started on 18 September 2012 and all responses should be received by 13 November 2012.

Consultation criteria

10. This consultation is in line with the Coalition Government's Consultation Principles. These can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>.

11. 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 will not count as a confidentiality request. 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. However, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

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

13. We will place a copy of the responses received in the Defra library. To see consultation responses and summaries please contact the library at:

Defra Information Resource Centre
Lower Ground Floor
Ergon House
17 Smith Square
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Tel: 0207 238 6575
Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Please give the Library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

14. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please contact the Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7b Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk .

15. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours sincerely

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