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Dear Consultee

**Consultation on the *Food Information Regulations (FIR) 2013*, being made to enable the provisions of *Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers* ('FIC').**

1. I am writing to invite views on the Government's plans to introduce legislation, in the form of a Statutory Instrument (SI) bringing into force the provisions of ***Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers (FIC)***.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website:  
[www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/)

- **Consultation document**
- **Impact Assessment**
- **Statutory Instrument 'Food Information Regulations 2013'**
- **List of consultees**

Also available are two standalone sections of the SI, to be used in the event that a decision is made to include them, which cover;

- **Provision to require the name of food to be provided on food sold not pre-packed, and**
- **Provision to require a Quantitative Indication of Ingredients (QUID) to be provided on food sold not pre-packed.**

A guidance document on the FIR is being prepared and will be made available by the **16 November 2012**.

3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please use the contact details at the head of this letter.

## Responses

Please send responses to either:

Food Information Regulation Consultation  
Food Policy Unit  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,  
Area 7E Millbank  
17 Smith Square



London SW1P 3JR

Or email: [labelling@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:labelling@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

4. Responses should be received by **January 30<sup>th</sup> 2013**

### **Consultation Criteria**

5. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>
6. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at [www.defra.gov.uk/consult](http://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.
10. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:  
  
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Information Resource Centre  
Lower Ground Floor  
Ergon House  
17 Smith Square  
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Telephone: 020-7238-6575  
Email: [defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk)
11. Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
12. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 2D Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL, or email [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

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

Yours Faithfully

Tom Stafford

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