

FDF Scotland Response to the Consultation Establishing a Consumer Body for Scotland

1. This submission is made by the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Scotland. FDF Scotland represents the food and drink manufacturing industry in Scotland. We are Scotland's largest manufacturing sector, accounting for 30% of total manufacturing turnover and our gross value added to the economy is £3.8bn, representing 29.7% of Scottish manufacturing value added. We have 1,015 food and drink manufacturing businesses, employing 45,000 people, which represents 25% of the Scottish manufacturing workforce. In 2017, all food and drink exports from Scotland have increased by 11% to £6bn.
2. FDF Scotland welcomes the opportunity to make comments on issues relevant to the food and drink manufacturing industry that are raised in the Consumer Body consultation.
3. We agree with the high-level principles of the proposed Consumer Scotland body. We note many similarities between the potential remit of consumer Scotland and Food Standards Scotland particularly protecting consumers from harm.
4. A key ask is that once established, Consumer Scotland works closely with the food and drink supply chain and food crime experts in Food Standards Scotland to protect Scotland's consumers from harm and protect Scotland's reputation for exporting safe and authentic products.
5. FDF Scotland recommends that Consumer Scotland collaborates closely with counterparts in the rest of the UK as food and drink manufacturing has complex supply chains that do not stop at the Scotland/England border. We are aware of good practice between FSS and the Food Standards Agency who collaborate and share intelligence on emerging issues to keep consumers safe.

The Scottish Food and Drink Manufacturing Industry

- Employs around 45,000 people, 25% of the Scottish manufacturing workforce
- Adds £3.8bn GVA to the Scottish economy, 29.7% of Scottish manufacturing value added
- Is Scotland's largest manufacturing sector, accounting for 30% of total manufacturing turnover
- 95% of our 1015 businesses are SMEs

The following Associations actively work with the Food and Drink Federation:

ABIM	Association of Bakery Ingredient Manufacturers
ACFM	Association of Cereal Food Manufacturers
BCA	British Coffee Association
BOBMA	British Oats and Barley Millers Association
BSIA	British Starch Industry Association
BSNA	British Specialist Nutrition Association
CIMA	Cereal Ingredient Manufacturers' Association
EMMA	European Malt Product Manufacturers' Association
FCPPA	Frozen and Chilled Potato Processors Association
FOB	Federation of Bakers
GFIA	Gluten Free Industry Association
PPA	Potato Processors Association
SA	Salt Association
SNACMA	Snack, Nut and Crisp Manufacturers' Association
SSA	Seasoning and Spice Association
UKAMBY	UK Association of Manufacturers of Bakers' Yeast
UKTIA	United Kingdom Tea & Infusions Association Ltd

FDF also delivers specialist sector groups for members:

Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Group (BCCC)
Frozen Food Group
Ice Cream Committee
Meat Group
Organic Group
Seafood Industry Alliance