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Dear Consultee

**Contractual relationships in the UK fresh produce industry**

We are writing to invite views and experiences of fairness in the fresh produce industry.

The following documents may be found on GOV.UK

* Consultation Document
* Privacy Notice

We welcome your views and comments on the options set out in the consultation.

**Responses**

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space using the link provided (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool)

Responses should be received by **22 February 2024**.

**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](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance) issued by the Cabinet Office.

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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.

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

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Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us. If you are unable to use Citizen Space, please contact us at:

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Yours sincerely

**Supply Chain Fairness**