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Re. Proposed draft Guidelines on the Use of Technology to Provide Food Information

Dear Cal

Thank you for sending through this document for consultation. IFST broadly support the points covered concerning the use of technology to present information to consumers. However, we would just like to re-iterate the importance of ensuring that critical information for consumers is freely available irrespective of ability to access technologies to read information. This is particularly important to ensure that consumers have access at the point of sale / purchase, and at the point of consumption, to the current on pack information relating to ingredients, safety (e.g. allergens), nutrition etc. We are aware that this is defined by UK and EU law.

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Best regards

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