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Email sent to Yvonne Riedel-Brown,
Senior Policy Advisor, Food Compositional Standards
Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Dear Yvonne,

IFST Response to Defra Consultation on amending certain domestic food legislation in England

Relating to: Bread and Flour Regulations 1998; Products Containing Meat etc. (England) Regulations 2014; Jam and Similar Products (England) Regulations 2003, Spreadable Fats etc. (England) Regulations 2008.

The Institute of Food Science & Technology (IFST) is the leading qualifying body for food professionals in Europe and the only professional body in the UK concerned with all aspects of food science and technology. Our membership comprises individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, from students to experts, working across all aspects of food science and technology, and from academia through to enforcement. It is a registered charity (no 1121681) and a company limited by guarantee (no 930776).

IFST would like to thank Defra for consulting on cases in UK domestic food legislation to understand the potential impact and implications for food system supply and on labelling to advise consumers.

IFST requests that careful consideration be given, and efforts made to ensure there is no divergence in food regulatory requirements between the four nations within the UK. Clear and consistent standards for food declarations and for food safety and hygiene expectations are key to facilitate excellence in food science and technology execution across the whole UK food system to protect consumers and support transparency.

We would appreciate being informed of the consultation outcomes, and of future consultations.

Many thanks and Kind regards

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