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IFST would like to publicly and wholeheartedly recognise all those food professionals working tirelessly to ensure we continue to have a safe and nutritious food supply across the UK. What you do every day is so important in times like these.

We are delighted that the government have formally recognised that those involved in food production, processing, and distribution are vital to our nation and an essential resource at this time of national emergency.

As competent food technical professionals, our IFST members and fellows are crucial in keeping food systems operations working safely, even when at full stretch. Your work and expertise are especially of value when it comes to adapting successfully to changing circumstances without compromising quality or safety.

We encourage you to keep following your proven best practice good manufacturing, hygiene and food safety processes and procedures.

Should you need to change any of your operational processes or procedures in these challenging times, please seek and apply professional advice to ensure changes do not adversely impact food safety.

With grateful thanks to our **#foodheroes**



David Gregory and Helen Munday  
**Current and In-coming IFST President**