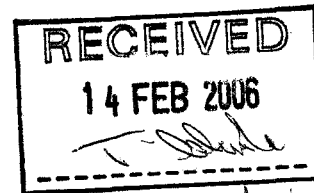




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Our Ref: RON/LF/EPS/SPD/OOBC /01
Your Ref:
Date: 10 February 2006



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Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION ON COUNTRY OF BEEF ORIGIN IN THE FOOD SERVICE SECTOR

Please find enclosed the response from Glasgow City Council in respect of the above consultation.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Robert O'Neill
Director

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Response to Consultation on the Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector

Glasgow City Council, Environmental Protection Services considers the following issues to be of importance in respect of this consultation paper.

- The genesis of this proposal is unclear and various questions arise as to why such a proposal if it is sound should be restricted to beef rather than being extended to other foods of animal origin.
- There appears to be little hard evidence of consumer demand for this proposal and the information cited in section 3 of the consultation document raises questions as to whether or not if further surveys were to be undertaken in relation to other foods of animal origin perhaps similar results would be obtained.
- Given the current climate of better deregulation and the proposed implementation of the Hampton recommendations it is considered particularly inappropriate that legislation be introduced without hard evidence to support its introduction.
- Enforcement experience suggests that many caterers would disregard the proposed legislation unless enforcement was to be proactive and resources could be justified, however resources could not be justified for a proactive approach in this matter.
- It is suggested that enforcement should be reactive however this is considered to be a poor basis for consistency in compliance and this suggestion raises further questions in relation to the appropriateness of the proposal.
- All in all it is considered that this proposal is ill conceived, burdensome and would appear to be largely unworkable with limited benefit. It is considered that a voluntary scheme would be more appropriate and it is suggested that this approach should be taken forward.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF BEEF IN THE FOOD SERVICE RESPONDEE INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the details below and attach it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately:

Name: **GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICES**
MR P. O'NEILL, DIRECTOR
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Consultation title: **Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector**

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