

The Scottish Licensed Trade Association, representing Pubs, Hotels, Restaurants and night clubs, welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Consultation on a new Food Body for Scotland.

The SLTA is a member of the Food Hygiene Information Scheme Implementation Group and supports the response made by this organisation.

We would however comment independently on an issue that we understand is being muted by some organisations for the introduction of a pre-approval licensing system for food businesses. The Licensed Trade already has a costly licensing system in place for liquor licensing, personal licensing and entertainment licensing. This would simply be another cost burden to an industry already overregulated. Establishments in this sector of the industry are already governed by environmental health legislation and should this be breached, there is a potential risk to the actual liquor licence being revoked.

We would therefore not be supportive of any such proposal.