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Food and Drink
Federation



Making a real difference



It's time to stop taking food for granted

As the main trade association for the UK's food and drink manufacturers, we believe the facts speak for themselves: FDF members play a vital role in underpinning the economy through our ongoing efforts to create jobs, add value and boost exports.

That's why we argue that Government must put our sector at the heart of future economic thinking – particularly as policy makers look to rebalance the country's GDP away from an over-reliance on financial services. More than that, we need national policy to reflect the key strategic role food and drink manufacturers will play in ensuring the nation's future food security against the combined effects of climate change, higher global demand and increasing pressure on finite resources.

We have seen Government take some encouraging first steps through its Food 2030 vision and are eager to work in genuine partnership with key Departments across Whitehall to turn words into meaningful action.

It is only by articulating a clear strategy for the future success of the supply chain that we can be confident farmers, food processors and manufacturers will in future be able to keep supplying UK consumers with food that is safe, nutritious and affordable – with the lowest possible environmental impacts.

Given our sector's relative size and economic importance, we clearly recognise that the food and drink industry has a responsibility to help tackle many of the complex issues facing society.

We are already leading the way and our commitment has been undiminished by the recession. For example: our members are

working under FDF's Fivefold Environmental Ambition to make a real difference to the environment by setting themselves stretching targets in areas such as carbon emissions, water efficiency and waste reduction. We are also helping to improve the health of the nation through our groundbreaking work to change the recipes of favourite British brands and introduce clearer nutrition labelling on food packs.

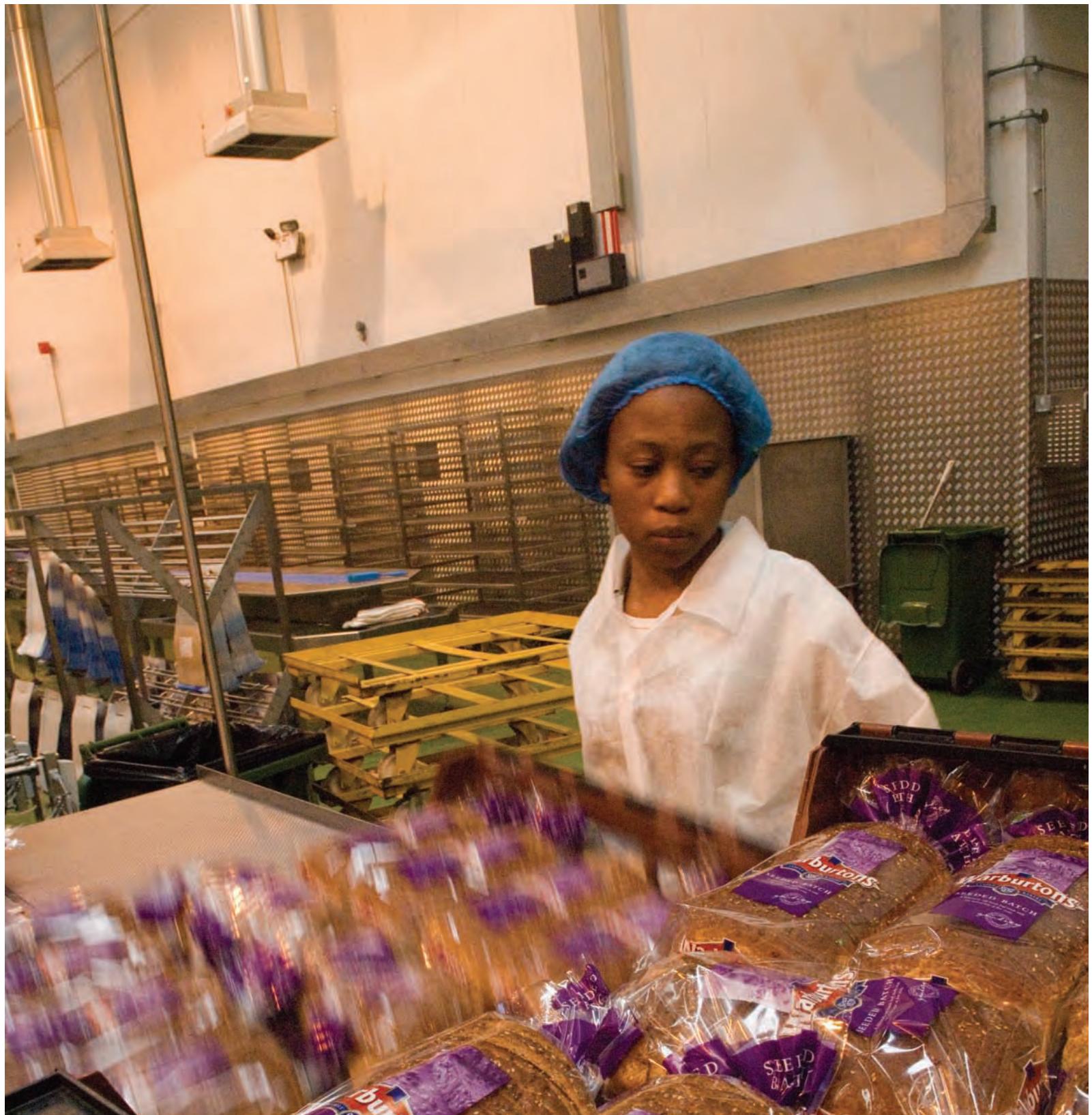
Our sector is clearly playing its part. So what do we want to see from a future Government? Delivering a clearer, more coherent and consistent approach to food policy right across Departments would be a good start. And we want an appropriate regulatory environment here in the UK so that our industry can remain competitive – particularly against other European manufacturers.

We have also articulated 20 ways in which we think the next Government could help to safeguard the future success of UK food and drink manufacturing – a sector that has an excellent track record of generating wealth for the nation, providing jobs across the regions and responding

responsibly to concerns about diet, health and the environment.

But we have a more basic demand: given our economic, strategic and social importance, we believe it's high time that Government stopped taking our sector for granted. Our positive contribution should be recognised by policy makers – and we want a public commitment that Government will in future support a successful food manufacturing industry as a national priority in its own right. Give us the prominence our sector deserves, and we will continue to play a key role in underpinning the future success of the UK economy.

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Our checklist: how you can help

DELIVER A COHERENT STRATEGY

- Work with industry partners to turn the Food 2030 vision into action – putting a sustainable food sector at the heart of the UK economy
- Recognise the strategic importance of food manufacturing and ensure our sector is given greater prominence in Government efforts to rebalance the economy
- Underpin our competitiveness by ensuring there is clarity, consistency and coherence across all Government policy areas impacting the food sector
- Partner with industry to define a healthy, low impact diet based on sound evidence

BACK US IN GOING GREEN

- Provide us with the stability and confidence we need to invest in the country's low carbon future by developing clearer and more coherent policies on emissions reduction and energy supply
- Design future policy in a way that avoids damaging our international competitiveness
- Focus on incentivising good behaviour rather than simply trying to penalise the bad
- Invest in appropriate UK infrastructure to support resource efficiency, especially for waste, water, energy and transport

CUT THE RED TAPE

- Prioritise job creation and promote UK economic recovery by introducing a moratorium on further employment regulations
- Introduce regulatory budgets to minimise the impact of legislation, quasi-regulation and voluntary codes on our sector
- Ensure regulatory impact assessments take full account of

compliance costs and apply to voluntary initiatives, codes of practice and other forms of quasi-regulation

- Don't goldplate new EU regulations – especially in relation to the Temporary Agency Workers Directive
- Work better with the EU institutions to shape the regulations that have the biggest impact on our sector

SUPPORT MANUFACTURERS

- Prioritise food and drink exports and provide more tangible support for companies to boost our sectors' overall performance and encourage growth
- Reverse the decision to increase National Insurance Contributions from 2011 as this will place an unnecessary burden on employers
- Establish an effective, low-cost ombudsman to monitor and enforce the Grocery Supply Code of Practice, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises
- Follow through on the long-term commitment for simplification, delivery and funding for skills programmes, particularly apprenticeships, modular training and basic skills – and ensure our sectors needs are recognised
- Deliver on the strategic plan to partner with manufacturers on joint strategies to make our sector a 'career of choice' for school leavers and graduates

PROTECT INNOVATION

- Work with industry and universities to increase the availability of qualified food scientists to support the sector's future growth and competitiveness
- Remove potential future barriers to innovation through better regulation and proportionate voluntary measures and show leadership in the debates about the use of new technologies such as GM and nanotechnologies



Unwrapping the food industry

The UK food and drink sector is a great British success story. It is a high value manufacturing sector offering world class capabilities in areas of production, logistics, sales, marketing and innovation – which combine to create annual Gross Value Added of £21.8bn.

With the food security debate racing up the political agenda, it's worth remembering that a strong UK manufacturing base has a key strategic role in providing resilience in the food chain. Food and drink manufacturers buy three-quarters of what UK farmers produce. Without us they would lack a ready market for their products and be less able to exploit their comparative advantage in the face of the challenges posed by climate change.

Did you know that:

- Our sector is the UK's biggest manufacturing sector, employing 440,000 people directly and indirectly accounting for a further 1.2 million jobs in the food chain. That's the equivalent to almost 2,500 jobs in every Parliamentary constituency.
- We are an incredibly diverse sector: there are 7,000 businesses – the overwhelming majority of which are small or medium-sized enterprises – together generating £72.8bn of turnover.
- Our industry accounts for 15% of the UK's total manufacturing output and is the fourth largest food and drink manufacturing industry in Europe.
- The UK industry is highly innovative – spending £350m on R&D and launching 8,000 new products every year.
- Despite the credit crunch, our exports continue to grow. We export more than £9bn worth of food and non-alcoholic beverages every year – the majority processed in some way – with Europe a key destination for our products.

The Food and Drink Federation represents the interests of the UK's food and non-alcoholic drinks industry, which is the country's largest manufacturing sector. Our membership comprises manufacturers of all sizes – making everything from breakfast cereals to organic yogurt – as well as trade associations and groups dealing with specific sectors of the industry.

Here are some of the companies that we represent: AB Mauri Products; AB World Foods; Accord Tea Services; Agrico UK; Ahmad Tea; AL Simpkin & Co; Alara Wholefoods; Allied Bakeries; Allied Milling & Baking Group; Allied Technical Centre; Almarr Seafoods; Alpro UK; Antonelli Bros; apetito; Associated British Foods; Aunt Bessie's; Avana Bakeries; Axive; Barentz UK; Bart Spices; Baxters Food Group; Bel UK; Bennett Opie; Big Oz Industries; Birds Eye Iglo Group; Blueprint Foods; Bonbon Buddies; Border Biscuits; Bowman Ingredients; Boynes; Britannia Tea Co; British Bakeries; British Pepper and Spice Co; British Sugar; Britvic; Brodie Melrose Drysdale & Co; Buchanan Butlers Warehousing; Burtons Foods; Cadbury; Cafédirect; Cambridge Health and Weight Plan; Cambridge Manufacturing Company; Camellia; Campbell's Europe; Cargill; Cauldron Foods; Cereal Foods; Cereal Partners UK; Cereform; Champagne Foods; Charnwood Bakeries; Chivers Hartley; Clipper Teas; Coca-Cola Great Britain; Coldwater Seafood (UK); Colgate-Palmolive; Dailycer; Dairy Crest; Dalziel Ingredients; Daniel's Sweet Herring; Danisco (UK); Danone UK; Danone Waters (UK and Ireland); Dawnfresh Seafoods; DCL Yeast; Deans of Huntly; Delifrance UK; Derryseel; Derwent Lynton Co; Devro (Scotland); Diamond Seafoods (UK); Direct Tea Supplies; DJ Miles; Dorset Cereals; Dr. Oetker (UK); Duchy Originals; Duncan MacNeil; Dundee Cold Stores; East Anglian Food Ingredients; East End Foods; Elizabeth Shaw; Eniti; European Oat Millers; F Duerr and Sons; F Smales & Son (Fish Merchants); FR Benson & Partners; Fage UK; Fane Valley Co-op Society; Farmhouse Biscuits; Fastnet Fish; Ferrero UK; Findus; Fine Foods International; Fine Lady Bakeries; Finlay Tea Solutions UK; Firmenich UK; Fleming Howden; Foodmaker; Frank Roberts and Sons; Fribo Foods; G Costa and Co; Gala Coffee and Tea; GB Ingredients; General Mills UK; GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare; Global Tea & Commodities; Gold Crown Foods; Golden Wonder; Goodlife Foods; Gordon Rhodes and Son; Gordons Fine Foods; Grampian Oat Products; Greencore Group; Greggs; Griffith Laboratories; Hagesud Bosse (UK); Hamlyns of Scotland; Haribo UK; Hayden's Bakeries; Hazeldene Foods; HO Short and Sons; Holgran; Image on Foods; Importent UK; Innovate Foods; International Fish Canners Scotland; Jackson Bakery; James Ross & Son (Edinburgh); Jelly Belly Candy Company; Jing Tea; John Hill Foods; John Hogarth; John West Foods; Kavli; Kealth Foods; Keddie Saucemasters; Keith Spicer; Kellogg Supply Services (Europe); Kerry Foods (Yellow Fats); Kerry Foodservice; Kerry Ingredients; Kettle Foods; Kildorrough; Klinge Foods; KP Snacks; Kraft Foods UK; Kudos Blends; Kwoks Foods; Lavazza Coffee UK; Lipton Tea Supply; London & Scottish; Lyons Seafoods; Macphie of Glenbervie; Macrae Food Group; Macsween of Edinburgh; Manor Bakeries; Marlow Foods; Mars Chocolate UK; Mars Foods UK; Matthew Algie and Company; Matthews Foods; Maxons; McCain Foods (GB); McCormick UK; McDougalls Foods; MCM Select Foods; McNeil Nutritionals; McVitie's UK; Meade-King Robinson & Co; Middleton Seafoods; Moguntia Food Ingredients UK; Moray Seafoods; Morning Foods; Muller Dairy (UK); Nairns Oatcakes; Nairobi Coffee & Tea; Napier Brown Foods; National Food Ingredients; National Starch and Chemical; Nespresso UK; Nestlé Nutrition; Nestlé UK; New England Seafood International; New English Teas; Newby Teas; Newly Weds Foods; Northern Tea Merchants; Nutrition House Co; Orkney Herring Company; Parripak Foods; Pataks; PepsiCo UK & Ireland; Perrier Vittel UK; Pillsbury; Pinneys; Premier Foods; Princes; Procter and Gamble UK; Quaker Oats; R&R Ice Cream; RD Blackwood; Rachel's Organic; Rank Hovis; Rannoch Smokery; Reading Scientific Services; Red Mill Snack Foods; Reginald Ames; RF Brookes; RGB Coffee; RHM Frozen Foods; RHM Technology; Ringtons; Ripon Select Foods; Robertson's; Ledbury Preserves; Rockall Seafoods; Roquette UK; RR Herring; RR Spink; Ryvita Co; Sara Lee Coffee and Tea UK; Scholler; Sco-Fro Group; Scot Trout; Sea Products International; Seachill; SFH Tea; Sharp and Nickless; Silver Spoon Co; Silvery Tweed Cereals; Slimfast Foods; Small Planet Foods; Solae Company; Speedibake; Spicemanns; Storck; Strathaird Salmon; Summerdown Farms; Syral UK; Tan Y Castell; Tate & Lyle; Taylors of Harrogate; Tayto (NI); TCI International; Tetley GB; TGP 182; The Enjoy Organic Co; The Seafood Company; The Windmill Tea Company; Thomas Tunnock; Thompson Lloyd & Ewart; Thorntons; Three Cooks; Tivall; Total Greek Yoghurt; Tregroes Waffle Bakery; Tropicana; TW Laycock; Twining and Co; Typhoo Tea; Uin Foods; Unibond Trading; Unilever UK; Uniq; United Biscuits Holdings; Verstegen Spices & Sauces UK; Vimto; Virani Food Products; W Jordans (Cereals); Walkers Nonsuch; Walkers Snack Foods; Wallingford Tea & Coffee; Warburtons; WD Irwin and Sons; Weetabix; Westmill Foods; White's Speedicook; Whiteheads (1858); Whittard of Chelsea; Wilkin and Sons; William Jackson Food Group; William Santus & Co; Williamson and Magor; Witwood Food Products; Wrigley Company; Yakult UK; Young's Seafood.



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