

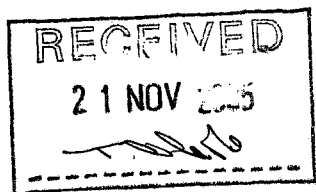


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15 November 2005

Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation paper: Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector

On behalf of the Scottish Ministers we are writing to invite comments on the enclosed consultation paper "Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector" by 28 February 2006.

This consultation paper and partial regulatory impact seeks your comments on the proposal to require the food service sector in Scotland to inform consumers in restaurants, canteens and cafés of the country or countries of origin of beef served. Information on the origin of raw beef is currently required to be provided for consumers at retail level but not within the food service sector. Some restaurants provide information on a voluntary basis. If they do not, customers have to ask if they wish to know.

The Scottish Executive has worked with a range of stake holders in identifying the issues which need to be covered in the consultation paper. Your comments on the questions contained in the paper are requested. If you wish to access this consultation online, go to:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/views/views.asp>.

You can telephone Freephone 0800 77 1234 to find out where your nearest public internet access point is. We would be grateful if you could clearly indicate in your response which questions or part of the consultation paper you are responding to as this will aid our analysis of the responses received.

Please send your response to countryoforigin@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or Country of Origin Consultation, Mail point R259, Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TY. A **Consultation Response Form** (copy attached) should also be completed and posted or e-mailed along with your response. If you have any queries please contact a member of the Food Marketing and Policy Team on 0131 244 6483.

Yours faithfully

Elizabeth Baird
Head of Food Marketing and Policy Branch



**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: **STEWART SPENCE**
Postal Address: **MARCLIFFE HOTEL & SPA,
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Consultation title: **Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector AB15 9YA.**

1. Are you responding as: (please tick one box)

- (a) an individual (go to 2a/b)
(b) on behalf of a group or organisation (go to 2c)

2a. INDIVIDUALS:

Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in SE library and/or on SE website)?

- Yes (go to 2b below)
No, not at all

2b. Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis (please tick one of the following boxes)

- Yes, make my response, name and address all available
Yes, make my response available, but not my name or address
Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

2c ON BEHALF OF GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS:

Your name and address as respondees *will be* made available to the public (in the SE library and/or on SE website). Are you content for your response to be made available also?

- Yes
No

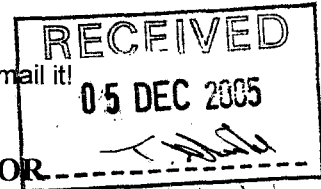
SHARING RESPONSES/FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

3. We will share your response internally with other SE policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Executive to contact you again in the future in relation to this consultation response?

- Yes No

Clarke A (Tony)

From: Stewart LC (Louise)
Sent: 24 November 2005 16:07
To: Clarke A (Tony)
Subject: COO electronic questionnaire in case you have to e-mail it!



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF BEEF IN THE FOOD SERVICE SECTOR

RESPONDEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1 Do you consider that the current requirements provide adequate information to consumers of beef in the food service sector?

No.

Q2 Do you consider that the absence of country of origin information confuses consumers about the source of beef in the food service sector?

Yes.

Q3 If you consider that the current requirements are not adequate, do you favour a voluntary or compulsory scheme to indicate country of origin of beef in the food service sector?

Compulsary.

Q4 Do you agree with the proposed approach? Please explain your reasons.

Yes, a lot of thought has gone into the proposal

Q5 Do you consider that the requirement should be applied to veal as well as to beef?

No

Louise

Louise Stewart

Ref. no. PMD. /4 /5 /3 /3.

