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Dear xxxxxxxx

I refer to your e-mail of 24<sup>th</sup> September which requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). For ease of reference, a response is provided below following each of your questions:

- 1) *The percentage of fresh meat purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.*

Approximately 57% of the fresh meat served by our catering provider is British, with the remainder (comprising cured meats) being sourced from the EU. 100% of beef, lamb, chicken and pork joints are sourced from the UK. The remainder of the fresh meat is made up of gammon and bacon which has always been purchased from EU.

- 2) *The percentage of frozen meat purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.*

Our catering provider does not use frozen meat.

- 3) *The percentage of meat-related products purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.*

All of the processed beef served by our catering provider originates from, and is processed in, the UK and Ireland and 88% of all the meat-related products\* sourced are British.

\* 'meat-related' products are defined as processed and savoury meat products e.g. sausages, burgers, pies and pasties.

- 4) *Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with fresh meat of British origin.*



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No

5) *Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with frozen meat of British origin.*

No

6) *Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with meat related products of British origin.*

No

7) *Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with milk of British origin.*

No, However, All milk and eggs are sourced from the UK.

8) *Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with milk-related products of British origin.*

No

9) *Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services or other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British fresh meat.*

No

10) *Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services or other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British frozen meat.*

No

11) *Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services and other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British meat-related products.*

No

DECC's catering providers say they are "fully committed to supporting British farmers and growers and champions the use of [great] British produce and seasonal British ingredients". Under the terms of the contract they are also required to comply with the Government Buying Standards for food. DECC's catering services comes under a contract set up by DEFRA. A link to that Standard can be found here:

<http://sd.defra.gov.uk/advice/public/buying/products/food/standards/>

Also note the February 2013 report on compliance

<http://sd.defra.gov.uk/documents/GBS-DefraCateringContractAssessment-Feb2013.pdf>

Please note that country of origin information for meat and meat products is published on consumer menus, with 'British' shown within the descriptor where appropriate.



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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, as they provide a shared FOI advice service to DECC:

Information Rights Unit  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
1 Victoria Street  
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E-mail: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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