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Dear interested party,

Questions and answers on the EU Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers published

Subsequent to the introduction of the new EU Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers (EU FIC) on 13 December 2011, the European Commission has developed, with Member States, answers to a series of questions concerning the application of the EU FIC.

The document has been published by the Commission, and is available at the link below.

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/labellingnutrition/foodlabelling/docs/qanda_application_reg1169-2011_en.pdf

The Commission intends this to be a document that is added to, as answers to further queries are agreed. The document is intended to aid understanding and application of the EU FIC, but has no legal status. Ultimate interpretation of EU law lies with the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The UK is also working on further more detailed technical guidance to supplement the Guide to Compliance, which was issued in draft form in November 2012 as part of the consultation package on EU FIC. It intends to publish both documents later this year. The link is below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/11/07/fir-2013/>

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alette Addison'.

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