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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Names of organisations that responded to the 2022 consultation about bread and flour composition

Thank you for your request for information of 8 January 2025 about the names of organisations that responded to the 2022 consultation about bread and flour composition. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

A list of companies and institutions attached to these [369] respondents [to the consultation on Amending the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 and The Bread and Flour (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1998]. We require all names that are available both those as representatives of an organisation and those who responded in an individual capacity, and if no names available still provide the names of the organisations.

We received 369 responses to the UK-wide public consultation on proposed amendments to The Bread and Flour Regulations 1998 and The Bread and Flour (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1998 between 1 September and 23 November 2022.

We do not hold information on the names of the individuals responding to the consultation. Some of the information you have requested above is therefore not held by Defra. It is also worth noting that not all respondents provided an organisation name.

33 respondents said they were responding in an official capacity representing the views of a business. Of these responses the names of organisations provided were:

- Cann Mills Ltd t/a N R Stoate & Sons
- Warwick Bridge Corn Mill Ltd
- Wicken Windmill Partnership
- Grubbs Up Ltd
- e5 Bakehouse Ltd
- Letheringsett Watermill Ltd
- Heritage Wheat
- L M Brockman & Co
- Shipton Mill Ltd
- Deepdale Farms
- Claybrooke Mill

- Warwick Bridge Corn Mill
- J Stringer and sons
- Gnome's Kitchen Ltd (t/a fika+)
- Hamblin Bread
- Moy Park
- Federation of Bakers
- Tuxford Windmill Ltd
- DL & ML Lea Ltd
- Elnor Lane Artisan Produce
- Bruern Farms
- Felin Ganol Watermill
- Crakehall Watermill
- Nestlé UK
- Cod Beck Blenders Ltd
- Premier Foods Group Limited
- British Retail Consortium (BRC)
- Simply Ingredients LTD
- Food and Drink Federation
- UK Potato Processors' Association - PAA (including the Snack, Nut and Crisp Manufacturers Association – SNACMA)

8 respondents said they were responding in an official capacity as a representative of a local government organisation or public service provider or other public sector body in the UK or elsewhere. Of those responses the names of organisations provided were:

- Essex County Council
- Norfolk County Council Trading Standards
- Kent Community Health Foundation Trust
- Perth & Kinross Council
- Public Health Scotland
- Environmental Health Department at Mid Ulster District Council
- Northern Ireland Food Managers Group on behalf of Environmental Health Northern Ireland
- Public Health Institute (Northern Ireland)

8 respondents said they were responding in an official capacity as a representative of an academic institution. Of those responses the organisation names provided were:

- Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland
- University College London
- Institute for Women's Health, University College London
- National Institute for Health Research Southampton Biomedical Research Centre
- Queen's University Belfast
- Public Health, Policy & Systems, University of Liverpool
- Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University
- Institute of Health Informatics, University College London

15 respondents said they were responding in an official capacity as the representative of a non-governmental organisation or trade union or other organisation. Of those responses the organisation names provided were:

- GAIN - Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
- BACAPH
- The Real Bread Campaign
- Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland
- Institute of Health Visiting
- UK Flour Millers (UKFM)
- Welsh Mills Society
- National Childbirth Trust
- Scottish Spina Bifida Association t/a Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland
- UK Flavour Association
- Coeliac UK
- British Dietetic Association
- The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- British Pregnancy Advisory Service
- The Vegan Society

282 respondents said they were responding in an individual capacity - responding with personal views, rather than as an official representative of a business or business association or other organisation. While these responses were not representative of an organisation some provided names to organisations. The organisation names provided were:

- NHS
- Old Station Surgery
- Gaining Food Training
- Nonington Farms Ltd
- Whitby Seafoods
- Hearth Bakery
- Balcaskie Estate
- Wicken Windmill Partnership
- Acorn Bank Watermill Trust
- Warwick Bridge Corn Mill
- Beck Cottage Bakery
- Heage Windmill
- Warwick Bridge Corn Mill Ltd
- Friends of the Windmill Hill Windmill
- Holgate Windmill
- Holgate Windmill Preservation Society
- Whissendine windmill
- E5 bake house ltd
- University of Sheffield
- Nourish Bakery
- School of Artisan Food
- Imperial College London
- Nottingham Mill Coop
- University of Aberdeen
- We Are With You Scotland

23 respondents said they were responding in a different capacity to the options laid out above. Of those respondents who said they were responding in a capacity “other” than the options listed above, the organisation names provided were:

- Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
- Wicken windmill
- Holgate Windmill Preservation Society
- Health Food Manufacturers Association – HFMA
- The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.
- 44 Bake room
- Willaston Country Market
- Shine (Spina bifida • Hydrocephalus • Information • Networking • Equality)
- Institute of Food Science and Technology
- The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust
- Scottish Bakers
- The Traditional Cornmillers Guild
- Tommy's
- The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Mills Section

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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