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Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Inquiry: Food Processing

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Evidence from: ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University



Written response to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee's Food Processing Consultation.

Introduction to ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre

ZERO2FIVE Food Industry Centre is based at Cardiff Met University and each year works with c150 Welsh food and drink manufacturers. These companies can range from pre-start-up to some of the UK's largest food and drink companies.

ZERO2FIVE combines technical expertise, insight and research to help build more innovative, resilient, and successful food businesses. These services help businesses to start-up and grow, break into new markets, cut their carbon emissions and ensure they are meeting the highest standards of food safety.

The state-of-the-art facilities within ZERO2FIVE are available for use by businesses. These include a consumer sensory suite, four distinct food processing areas, development kitchens and a consumer observation kitchen.

The support provided to companies focuses on:

- Food safety accreditation schemes (eg: SALSA, BRCGS);
- New product development;
- Process efficiency.

Most of the support provided to Welsh companies is delivered through the HELIX Programme which is funded by Food and Drink Wales.

Terms of Reference

Based on ZERO2FIVE's understanding of the Welsh food and drink industry, the proposed terms of reference for the Committee's inquiry into Food Processing are appropriate.

The focus on the red meat, dairy and horticulture sectors is appropriate because of the additional benefits throughout the Welsh supply chain from adding value in these sectors.

Ideally the inquiry will analyse the barriers that exist to procuring Welsh food and drink in public bodies in both Wales and the rest of the UK.