Covid and Brexit Food Business Survey 2021

Start of Block: Ethics

Q1 **The impacts of Covid-19 and Brexit on food businesses in England** We invite you to complete this survey about the impacts of Covid-19 and Brexit on food businesses.

The outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic caused a massive shock to the food system in England, and the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions have ongoing consequences for businesses. At the same time, Brexit is impacting supply chains. We want to understand how prepared you felt for Lockdown 3, the lifting of restrictions and how prepared you feel for potential future supply chain issues. We are interested in how Covid-19 and Brexit have affected the amount of time you spend on various business operations, and how the business has adapted to a changing marketplace over the last year. The results from this survey will feed into policy requirements for up to date intelligence on business resilience in the food industry. For more details on the survey and this research, please see our <u>information sheet</u>. For more about the project, please visit our <u>website</u>.

The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary; you are free to stop completing the survey at any point or to skip questions. Your responses to the survey are completely anonymous. We will remove any identifying comments you might make when publishing the results. Anonymised results will be shared in project communications, in academic publications and with project stakeholders. For more details of how we will protect and use the data you supply, please see our information sheet.

Please note that once you submit the survey, you may be unable to withdraw your data as all responses are anonymous. If you wish to withdraw your data, please contact foodbusinesssurvey@exeter.ac.uk. We will do our best to help you. You may wish to keep a record of the date and time when you submitted the survey. You can request that your response to the survey is withdrawn until 1st June 2021; after that it will not be possible to withdraw your data. The research is being conducted by the Centre for Rural Policy Research (University of Exeter) and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. If you are not happy with any aspect of the project and wish to complain, please contact: The University of Exeter, College of Social Sciences and International Studies Research Ethics Committee, ssis-ethics@exeter.ac.uk.

O I consent to participating in the survey, as described above, and in the information sheet (please press this panel to consent)