



Dear Cotswold Taste Member,

Please find below the latest Food from England newsletter.

Cash and the Pandemic: How was your business affected, and how have you adapted for the future? Take part in the MAKE survey and voice your opinions.

If you are thinking about exporting then take a look at the Department of International Trade half day seminars coming up later in September.

Or if you would like a trip to a “real world” event, have a look at the Fine Food Show North taking place in October.

If you have any feedback, comments, further questions or would like support from Cotswold Taste please do get in touch.

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Make UK:

Cash and the Pandemic: How was your business affected, and how have you adapted for the future?

Take part in a short survey being conducted by our partner Make UK and have your voice heard by Government.

As the industry heads toward the end of 2021, where covid-related government support winds down, manufacturers will need to place greater reliance on the cash they hold. By taking part in this survey, your business' views will form part of a barometer on the state of cash positions within the industry.

The brief survey covers three core areas:

- the severity and consequence of any financial damage to the industry over the past 18 months;
- the financial risks that are of utmost concern to the sector now and;
- the actions the industry plans on taking to safeguard its future.

You will not need detailed accounts to participate in this survey, a suitable decision-maker who is broadly familiar with your business' financial experience over the past year will be equipped to take part.

The insight gained from the survey's results will provide the industry with an invaluable tool with which Make UK will be able to communicate with Government on where the greatest cash-related challenges are in industry, in turn making constructive policy recommendations with the sector's long-term prosperity in mind.

The results will also form the basis for a report on cash in manufacturing, to be published in November, where respondents will be able to see what the sector's aggregate response shows. All responses are stored on a secure server and are anonymised.

With your business' participation, **you will be helping to ensure that the industry has its voice heard as a priority by Government**, working towards UK manufacturing's long-term success.



The survey is open until 29 September 2021 and can be completed here: [Cash and Credit Survey 2021](#). We would encourage you to support this important work by taking the time to respond.

Fine Food Show North



Fine Food Show North is an essential industry event for genuine buyers, chefs and retailers who are looking to source fresh new lines and exciting ingredients for their customers. Taking place in Harrogate on Sunday 17 and Monday 18 October, the show is a great opportunity to reunite with the industry and give visitors the opportunity to rediscover food and drink face-to-face once again. Don't miss your chance to sample product launches, meet the Great Taste award winners, and hear from industry experts about the topics that are getting our sector talking.

Register for your free ticket online today at: <https://bit.ly/VisitFFSN2021>

For details of the show timetable and to find out more, visit: gff.co.uk/ffsn



Make UK Meet the Buyer Virtual Event for Food & Drink Supply Chain - 5th October (NEW DATE)

Make UK are holding a Meet the Buyer Event for the Food & Drink Supply Chain on 5th October, they are actively seeking buyers who might be food and drink producers, equipment manufacturers and even logistics companies – if you need to solve problems, find suppliers and you are in the food and drink supply chain then Make UK would love to talk further with you.

The event will be held virtually and there will be 1 to 1, 15 minute meetings between buyers and potential suppliers – boosting efficiency and strengthening UK Supply Chains.

For more information email: memadmin@makeuk.org

MEET THE FOOD AND DRINK - SUPPLY CHAIN
 Virtual event | Tuesday 5th October

Are you in the food and drink supply chain? Make UK is hosting an event for you!

Looking for a new supplier?
 Are you a food and drink producer or equipment manufacturer?
 Examples of items/ solutions for procurement might include:

- > Raw materials
- > New technology
- > Robotics for picking and processing
- > Logistics providers
- > Solutions to boost sustainability
- > Technology to battle labour shortages

Looking for a new customer?
 Do you want to sell your product directly to a food and drink manufacturer?
 Would you like to sell your product/solutions to the supply chain that support food and drink manufacturing?

BOOK NOW ➔

All meetings are free of charge for buyers and tickets will be available for potential suppliers.

To Find out more email memadmin@makeuk.org

Meetings will be conducted via our virtual meeting and events platform.

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UPDATES FROM DEFRA:

Notices for traders

Government publishes statement on "standstill" arrangements for moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland

The UK Government has published [a Written Ministerial Statement](#), which confirms the "standstill" arrangements proposed in [the Command Paper](#) published on 23 July 2021. The "standstill" arrangements mean that the current processes for moving goods from Great Britain and Northern Ireland will continue to be administered as they have been up to this point.

Consultation on changes to UK wine legislation

A consultation has recently been launched inviting views on the proposal to legislate certain provisions contained in the UK/EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The proposed amendments will impact the removal of VI-1 certification for any wine imports into Great Britain, Food (Lot Marking) Regulations 1996, Wine Regulations 2011 and the Food Information Regulations. The consultation document can be accessed [here](#). The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 23 September 2021.

Coronavirus updates

Ventilation guidance for businesses

Government guidance on [working safely during coronavirus](#) advises provision of adequate ventilation as one of the priority actions for businesses to take to protect staff and consumers. Please find the following detailed guidance from HSE, which was updated in August with further examples and a video summarising the HSE guidance:

- [Ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic \(hse.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Examples of improving ventilation to reduce coronavirus \(COVID-19\) transmission \(hse.gov.uk\)](#)

DEFRA reminders

Consultation on Government engagement with business and civil society groups

The Government is seeking views on how best to engage with businesses and civil society around the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). [The consultation](#) is open until 14 December.



Webinars on new requirements from October 2021 for importing goods from the European Union into Great Britain

We recently hosted three webinars on "new requirements from October 2021 for importing goods from the European Union into Great Britain."

Products of Animal Origin (POAO) - [video](#), [presentation](#) and [case study](#)

Animal By-Products (ABP) - [video](#) and [presentation](#)

Composite Products - [video](#) and [presentation](#)

EHCs - [FAQs](#)

You can also find all our resources on our [microsite](#) to which we will regularly add guidance and information documents.

Department for International Trade

DIT- Export Academy Half Day Virtual Workshops

Part 1: 27th September, 9.30-12.30

Part 2: 29th September, 9.30-12.30

Cost - Free

The Export Academy programme gives small and medium businesses the knowledge and expertise to export. Learning directly from experts at the Department for International Trade and a range of external specialists. This course is designed to help businesses grow their international sales in new markets overseas.

Who can join?

The programme is for managers working within the export function. In order to join this programme, businesses must be based within the Midlands, East Midlands or East of England.

Registration

Secure your place at these free workshops today by clicking [here](#).