

The Right Honourable Rishi Sunak
Chancellor of the Exchequer
11 Downing Street
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21st December 2021

Dear Chancellor,

I am writing on behalf of the British Frozen Food Federation members who supply products into the Hospitality and Leisure sectors.

It is welcome news that the Government have provided further support into this sector with your announcement today. However, yet again no consideration or support has been given to the wider supply chain. This is the Wholesalers, Manufacturers, Ingredient Suppliers or Service providers that support the Hospitality and Leisure sectors.

Any downturn or restriction of trade into these sectors has a devastating and immediate impact on a wide cross section of our members, many of whom focus on this sector. We have many members who are only just beginning to recover from the lockdowns imposed through much of 2020 and into the first quarter of 2021.

Whilst the Furlough and various HMRC payment deferrals did help, our members did not qualify for Local Authority Business Rates Relief or the lowering of VAT rates, both of which were available to our members' customers.

Our industry provides the vital support that allows our Hospitality and Leisure sectors to be world leading in terms of food quality and innovation. Much of this is produced and supplied by UK based businesses, which if allowed to fail would restrict the ability of our economy to bounce back from the pandemic.

I would therefore urge you to extend the support offered to the Hospitality and Leisure sectors to their wider supply base.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Harrow". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature area.

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