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Request for feedback on the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme

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Purpose

To gather feedback from certifying officers, suppliers, and exporters involved in the Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS).

Background

The Groupage Export Facilitation Scheme (GEFS) was launched in 2020 to facilitate exports from food business operators with steady supply chains, by using 30-day Support Attestations to help in the certification process. GEFS is due to end on 31 December, and we are conducting a review to decide whether to extend beyond 2023. To do this, we would like to hear your feedback on GEFS.

Action

If you would like to participate, please complete this survey by 24 August 2023:

<https://forms.office.com/e/WtWyPW65Dr>

We have a separate survey for suppliers and exporters who use GEFS, and would appreciate if you could share this link with your contacts:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Cfik8bKhj7>

Further information

If you have any questions about GEFS or the review, please contact:

GEFS@defra.gov.uk

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