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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Re: EU legislation on Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs)

Dear Vice-President Katainen,
Dear Commissioner Bieńkowska,
Dear Commissioner Hogan,

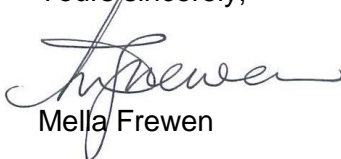
The food and drink industry, first manufacturing sector in the EU, notes the Commission's intention to propose an EU legislation on Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs).

Food processors of all sizes are exposed to UTPs, affecting their capacity to invest and innovate in the long-term. FoodDrinkEurope therefore considers that any EU framework legislation should impact all commercial relations across the entire food chain. The EU legislation must provide a harmonised legal framework at EU level which would cover all operators in the chain and all products traded in the food chain. Manifestly unfair practices, used in particular by powerful European alliances of some of Europe's largest retailers, must be tackled, including cross-border practices. On the request for legislation, FoodDrinkEurope is aligned with other organisations such as Copa-Cogeca and AIM.

In addition, the design of the EU framework legislation should allow the continuation of national approaches which work efficiently, without generating additional complexity.

We are at your disposal for any additional information your services may need.

Yours sincerely,



Mella Frewen

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