# Food Sector Survey on Driver Shortage Impact

The survey is split into three parts, each will help us understand the severity of the issues and formulate solutions.

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| **Q1** | **Do you run a business which sells food products?**  | Yes [ ]  No[ ]  |
| **Q2** | **If yes to Q1, does your business sell food products to any of the following: (put a 'X' in any box which applies to you)** | Directly to consumers [ ]  Public Sector[ ]  Other food business [ ] If others, please specify Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Q3** | **If yes to Q1, if your business sells food products to a critical public service, please select relevant service; (put a 'X' in any box which applies to you)** | Schools [ ]  Hospitals [ ]  Prisons[ ]  Local Councils[ ] If others, please specify Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Q4** | **Do you depend on Large Goods Vehicle drivers to transport food products?** | Yes [ ]  No[ ]  |
|  Q4a | If yes to Q4, how many drivers do you currently need each day to deliver food products? |  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q4b | If yes to Q4, are you currently experiencing a shortage of delivery drivers? |  Yes [ ]  No[ ]   |
| Q4c | If yes to Q4b, please provide the number of drivers you are currently short each day. |  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Q5** | **Have you missed any food deliveries in the last 4 weeks?** | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  If yes, *when did you first miss a delivery*: Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Q5a |  If yes to Q5, how many inbound and outbound deliveries have been missed? | Outbound: Click or tap here to enter text. Inbound: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q5b | If yes to Q5, what quantity of food was not delivered? Please choose unit of measure of either *Kg or Tonnes.* |  Food not delivered: Click or tap here to enter text. Kg/Tonnes |
| Q5c | If yes to Q5, have you had to increase or decrease food prices due to missed food deliveries? | Increase [ ]  Decrease [ ]  No change [ ]  |
| Q5d | If yes to Q5, have you had to undertake mitigation to compensate for missed food deliveries? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  If yes, *what form of mitigation have your undertaken?*Click or tap here to enter text. |

## Driver shortages and food supply impact

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| **Q6** | **If yes to Q5, which specific food product(s) were not delivered? e.g Packaged bread, Fresh fruit etc. Specify the food product(s)** | Food product (s) in missing deliveries: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Q7** | **If yes to Q5, please provide the name of the county where the delivery was missed (this can be the county where the inbound or outbound shipment was missed).** | County within UK:Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Q8** | **Have you had to waste food in the last 4 weeks?** | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  If yes, *when did you first waste food*: Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Q8a | If yes to Q8, how much foodstuff has been wasted in either Kg or tonnes? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q8b | If yes to Q8, what has been the cause of this food wastage?  | Delayed deliveries due to shortage of HGV drivers [ ]  Food demand [ ]  Associated costs [ ]  Other [ ] If others, please specify Click or tap here to enter text. |

## Upcoming pressure on your business

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| **Q9** | **On a scale of 1-5 (where 1 = Not at all concerned to 5 = Highly concerned), please rate your level of concern to the following pressures:** | **Rate from 1- 5** |
| Q9a | The upcoming increase in food demand from re-opening of hospitality sector: | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |
| Q9b | Increased demand for food supplies to schools | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |
| Q9c | Increased demand for food during summer holidays | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |
| Q9d | Christmas season | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |
| Q9e | Demand increase for your food products from easing of COVID restrictions | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |
| **Q10** | **Compared to the first COVID lockdown in March 2020 - May 2020, how severe are the logistical issues you are currently facing? Please respond on a scale of 1-5 (where 1= no logistic issues to 5= severe logistic issues)**  | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |

## Mitigations and alternatives

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| **Q11** | **What mitigations does your company have in place to manage shortage of drivers? Please describe.** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q11a | How effective have these mitigations been in enabling you to continue to operate as a food business. Please respond on a scale of 1-5 (where 1= Not at all effective to 5 = Highly effective) | **1**[ ] **2**[ ] **3**[ ] **4**[ ] **5**[ ]  |
| **Q12**  | **Please choose the intervention(s) Government should consider for helping ease the impact of driver shortages on your business.**  | Relaxing driver hours rules [ ]  International recruitment of drivers [ ] Increasing DVSA driver testing capacity [ ] Industry collaboration to resolve driver shortages [ ] Attract current drivers back into industry[ ] Increasing the speed and access for potential new drivers to learn and take HGV Class C+E tests[ ] Funding purchase of 7.5 tonne vehicles[ ] If others, specify Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q12a | Tell us, how important these mitigations will be in addressing the driver shortages you are experiencing. Please respond on a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1= Not important to 5 =Highly important) | Relaxing driver hours rules [ ] International recruitment of drivers [ ] Increasing DVSA driver testing capacity [ ] Industry collaborationAttract current drivers back into industry [ ] Increasing the speed and access for potential new drivers to learn and take HGV Class C+E tests [ ]Funding purchase of 7.5 tonne vehicles [ ]If others, specify Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Q12b | How confident do you feel about collaborating with other food businesses to ensure most effective use of vehicles as a solution. Please respond on a scale of 1-5 (where 1 = Not confident to 5 =Highly confident) | 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]  |
| Q12c | How effective would a temporary relaxation of driver’s hours in resolving logistical issues your company is facing:Please respond on a scale of 1-5 (where 1 = Not effective to 5 =Highly effective) | 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]  |
| **Q13** | **Would you need to increase the prices of the food products you sell because of increased driver wages?** | Yes [ ]  No[ ]  If yes, please explain why? Click or tap here to enter text. |