# 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 collaboration  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. |
| 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. |