



Call to all parties for a manifesto commitment to extend the Groceries Code Adjudicator

The Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA) was set up with cross-party support to ensure that UK supermarkets purchase fairly. This was in response to long-running issues, summarised by a 2008 Competition Commission report which identified that ‘excessive risk and unexpected costs’ were being transferred by supermarkets onto their supply chains.¹

Despite the successes of the GCA, this continues to be the case. The GCA performs a vital role and must be maintained. However, the GCA’s remit – limited to the relationship between supermarkets and their direct suppliers - is too narrow to address the persistent problems of unfairness along supermarket supply chains. The next government should bring forward proposals for extending the remit of the GCA so that it can ensure groceries supply chains are competitive, efficient, and offer a fairer deal to consumers as well as small businesses, farmers and workers.

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Fairtrade Foundation
Sustain
Food Foundation

British Independent Fruit Growers Association
Food Ethics Council
Friends of the Earth
Tenant Farmers’ Association
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¹ http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140402141250/http://www.competition-commission.org.uk/assets/competitioncommission/docs/pdf/non-inquiry/rep_pub/reports/2008/fulltext/538.pdf