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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 9 July regarding Petition P-05-963 which seeks supermarkets to donate excess food to charity.

In my letter of 26 May I outlined measures which supermarkets are undertaking nationally as well as providing reassurance supermarkets have arrangements in place at a local level to donate excess stock.

In dealing with excess stock, supermarkets follow the Food and Drink Waste hierarchy developed by WRAP. By following this hierarchy, supermarkets redistribute surplus food for human consumption before sending it to be redistributed as animal feed or any of the waste destinations. WRAP has reported, during the pandemic, food businesses are achieving this and ensuring food which cannot be sold at this time moves around the supply chain to feed people and is not wasted.

The UK Environment Bill is still subject to the Parliamentary process, however if passed, the powers in the Environment Bill would enable the relevant national authority to impose producer responsibility obligations and this could be utilised for the purposes of preventing food waste and redistribution of food surplus. Our current focus is however on the development of an Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme for packaging on which we are working jointly with the other UK nations..

Regards

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