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Professor Susan Jebb, Chair Food Standards
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Dear Professor Jebb, Ms Kelman

**India Free Trade Agreement (FTA) - request for Food Standards Agency and Food
Standards Scotland advice**

As the UK's Food Safety Authorities, I am writing to request joint advice from the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland on the UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), in line with the provisions of section 42 (4) of the Agriculture Act 2020 ("S.42"). Specifically, to request your advice on whether, or to what extent, the measures in the UK-India FTA – as signed on 24 July 2025 – are consistent with the maintenance of UK levels of statutory protection in relation to human health.

In producing your joint advice, I would request that the FSA/FSS focus on the areas within their statutory remit in the context of the relevant chapters of the FTA.

I would like to request that this advice be produced as an annex to be attached to the Government's S.42 report. Please submit electronically to the TAC mailbox (TACSecretariat@trade.gov.uk) by no later than 24 October 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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