



94%

of people think it is important to maintain existing food standards

(Which Survey September 2020)



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The **Unamended Agriculture Bill** contains **NOTHING** to protect British farming, British farmers or British consumers from lower quality imported foods.





Q – Won't there will be a Trade and Agriculture Commission which will ensure trade deals will not compromise on our high environmental protection, animal welfare and food safety standards?

A – Trade and Agriculture Commission will be advisory only. It will therefore provide no guarantees to protect our high environmental protection, animal welfare and food safety standards from lower standard imports.

Q – As an MP, I can keep a close eye on the trade negotiations and I'll make sure our standards are protected. Right?

A – Unfortunately, MPs voted away their ability to scrutinise any future trade deals. «As things stand there is no longer a parliamentary veto and no formal scrutiny committee relationship yet established, despite US negotiations having started” -Jonathon Djanogly (Conservative MP)

Q – Surely, we can't expect other countries to abide by our high standards? That would be an unprecedented barrier to trade that doesn't currently exist.

A – We will not be dictating the standards used in other countries. Only in the production of the food they wish to export to us. This is common practice in trade deals. Our current EU standards (No Chlorinated chicken or hormone injected beef) are part of EU trade deals. There's no reason why they can't form the basis of UK trade deals.

Q – Won't forcing all our trading partners to produce to UK domestic standards result in fewer export opportunities for our own farmers?

A - If we are committed to these high standards, as the people of this country are, then we should be leading the world to reach high, not lowering our standards to appease others.

Q – I thought The World Trade Organisation does not allow rules based on process, but only on outcome.

A – Although WTO prefers rules based on outcomes not processes, our current UK/EU rules (no chlorinated chicken etc) are accepted by WTO so there is no reason to believe they will not be accepted as UK rules once we leave transition period.



Q – We currently have high standards, and for them to be changed would need Parliamentary approval. We don't need to amend the Agriculture Bill to do this. Right?

A – Our current high standards would only currently require secondary law to change them. Ministers have the power to bring forward statutory instruments, potentially without needing parliamentary debate. This is why the standards need to be included in the Agriculture Bill to protect them from being easily changed.

Q – We have promised to protect our high standards in future trade deals. Why is that not good enough?

A – We have seen how easily MPs are prepared to go back on things that they themselves voted for, just months after enshrining something in law (IM Bill).

We have already heard reports of a 'dual-tariff' system to allow in Chlorine washed chicken.

The United States in particular have made it very clear that they expect us to remove our high standards. (In a letter to US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, 47 Members of US Congress, said: “As you [Lighthizer] be aware, as part of the European Union (EU), the UK adhered to the EU's food safety standards established in 1997 that banned US-exported poultry due to standard antimicrobial washes used in American poultry production. However, with its departure from the EU on January 31, 2020, we are in a position to negotiate an agreement with the UK that resolves this ban once and for all.”)

VOTE FOR:

Lords Amendment 89ZA

Requirement for agricultural and food imports to meet domestic standards

Lords Amendment 101

To enhance the role of the Trade and Agriculture Commission