

ELLIOTT REVIEW INTO THE INTEGRITY AND ASSURANCE OF FOOD SUPPLY NETWORKS – FINAL REPORT; A NATIONAL FOOD CRIME PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

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In 2013 the horsemeat scandal first hit the UK then spread right across Europe. The beef supply chain of many European countries was found to be contaminated with horsemeat. Many consumers lost confidence in their national food supply systems. Professor Chris Elliott was asked by the UK government to conduct an independent review of the UK food supply system in order to determine what had gone wrong and to suggest measures to make the system much more robust from fraud. In September 2014 the Elliott Review was published. This document gave eight major recommendations to the UK government and food industry about how to deal with the serious issues of criminality in the UK food system. The report detailed a systems approach to food crime prevention. An overview of this systems approach and how it is currently being implemented will be given. Particular attention will be focused on how advances in analytical science can help combat food fraud.

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