

Working for the industries supplying goods and services to UK agriculture

agri-brex^{it} COALITION

Eight founding members of the Agri-Brexit Coalition seek to represent specific issues that Brexit will pose to businesses supplying advice, goods and services to British agriculture. Through its actions, the Coalition aims to help UK governments shape a Post-Brexit world that enjoys a productive agriculture for the benefit of the nation's economy and the environment.

Seeking a fair trading position for UK agriculture across Europe and beyond

An efficient agricultural sector depends on complex supply chains that extend around the globe based on long-standing trade relationships. Going forward it is imperative that trade arrangements between the UK and others are seen by all as being fair and frictionless. Complex tariff and regulatory regimes will not be in the best interest of agriculture in the UK or elsewhere. This mutual interest in unobstructed trade must be recognised.

Coalition offers: *Expertise in international trade and assurance schemes, both within the UK, across the EU and with global trade partners. Many founding members participate in other European trade associations providing an understanding of the mutual needs of UK, EU and third countries for sustainable business going forward.*

Delivering innovation

UK agriculture requires innovation to deliver a sustainable and globally competitive industry. This needs research developed for UK conditions and delivered through effective knowledge exchange.

Progress depends on developing a regulatory environment which fosters innovation and incentivises research and development. The UK has the opportunity to become a global hub of excellence promoting modern, productive and sustainable agriculture.

A successful Post-Brexit Britain must continue to engage positively with, and be open to, the best knowledge sources worldwide as well as making our own national and international contribution.

Coalition offers: *Expertise ranging from globally innovative sectors to direct farm advice across agricultural activities ranging*

from crop protection and animal health developments to genetic traits and increasingly efficient mechanisation. Other members deliver advice and knowledge day-by-day to individual farm businesses which adds value to the whole food industry – the UK's largest single industrial sector worth some £108bn to the UK economy.

Raising productivity; delivering economic benefit

In the past decade, many UK enterprises especially arable farms, have seen output plateau. The challenge of 'feeding a growing world' is well publicised. Coupled with a desire to enhance our competitiveness, UK agriculture needs to gain more from its available resources (land, labour, etc) and deliver economic benefit to the UK and its rural economy.

Coalition offers: *The Coalition represents businesses which day in, day out deliver knowledge, technology and expertise to practical farming businesses. The Coalition understands the channels of effective knowledge transfer that will enable scientific advances to be put effectively into practice.*

Creating practical solutions to policy and regulation

Brexit will require countless regulations to be revised and incorporated into UK law. This creates challenges to meet continuing expectations around food and feed safety, and environmental protection; whilst providing continuity for the whole industry and meeting the aspirations of developing global trade.

These challenges are framed within the need to meet wider policy objectives and achieve a regulatory structure that is practical in implementation.

While UK exports will need to meet the regulations of importing countries, it is also important that we can use the opportunities of Brexit to develop UK regulation to suit

our circumstances, taking proper account of science and practicality.

Coalition offers: *Many Coalition members have worked ceaselessly with regulators to devise regulatory solutions that whilst effective are practical in application. Whether this is licensing intellectual property or delivering food assurance schemes, the Coalition has expertise to ensure the needs of Government, industry and consumer are met.*

Helping to deliver a modern, resilient UK agriculture

A successful UK agriculture must marry competing issues to deliver an integrated approach which builds resilience and improves performance. Technological solutions are needed on issues such as environment, climate, plant and animal disease. Transforming such solutions from laboratory and trial ground to field and livestock enterprise will be one of the biggest challenges of the post-EU era.

Coalition offers: *Unrivalled technical expertise across its members to successfully deliver this programme onto farm to boost UK productivity, benefit the UK environment and maintain the nation's leading health and welfare status.*

ABOUT THE COALITION

The Agri-Brexit Coalition was founded by the Agricultural Engineers Association, Agricultural Industries Confederation, British Society of Plant Breeders, Central Association of Agricultural Valuers, Crop Protection Association, Grain and Feed Trade Association, National Association of Agricultural Contractors and National Office of Animal Health.



Founding Members of the Agri-Brexit Coalition



The **Agricultural Engineers Association** is a trade association representing manufacturers and importers of agricultural machinery and outdoor equipment (horticulture, professional and leisure grass care, and forestry).



The **Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC)** has over 240 Members in the agri-supply trade and represents £8.0 billion turnover at farmgate. It represents a number of sectors within the agrisupply sector including: Animal Feed; Crop Protection and Agronomy; Fertilisers; Grain and Oilseeds; Seed.



The **British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB)** represents the companies breeding and marketing agricultural and horticultural crop varieties in the UK. BSPB is the plant breeding industry's licensing and royalty collection agency, organises statutory and non-statutory crop variety trials and represents the broad interests of its members to support them in their delivery of plant breeding innovation.



The **Central Association of Agricultural Valuers (CAAV)** is a specialist professional body representing, qualifying and briefing over 2700 members practising in a diverse range of agricultural and rural work throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



The **Crop Protection Association (CPA)** is a key voice of the UK Plant Science Industry. We promote the role of modern plant science in safeguarding our food supply from seed to shelf. Our members are involved in the development and manufacture of a wide range of plant science technologies which are of crucial importance to the cultivation and protection of food crops, protecting our gardens, woodlands, infrastructure and public places



The **Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA)** is an international trade association with over 1,670 members in 94 countries. Our aim is to promote international trade in agricultural commodities, spices and general produce, and to protect our members' interests worldwide.



The **National Association of Agricultural Contractors (NAAC)** represents contractors in the UK who supply all types of land-based services to farmers, government, local authorities, sports and recreational facilities.



The **National Office of Animal Health (NOAH)** represents the UK animal medicines industry. Its aim is to promote the benefits of safe, effective, quality medicines for the health and welfare of all animals.

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