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To: Finance Foodsuppl
Subject: VAT consultation response.

To whom this may concern,

Thank you for this opportunity.

The questions outlined seem to refer to supplements in an unnecessary capacity which explains why its been considered for VAT as a luxury item.

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The only, only notable contribution to my health has been supplements from a very helpfull health food shop. I've been to consultants and found that my life radically improved through supplementation method only.

These are items I need high doses off, things that i cant get via my food choices. In fact some of them help me to digest my food. They are also expensive.

With brexit approaching, especially when the VAT was origionally to be implemented, I was at panic stations as i can barely work as it is. To then not afford some of the supplements I rely on to manage this would send me into a negative feedback cycle leading me to the dole office doorstep, and the hospital. This is not the life I choose to lead and the thought of the necessary natural remedies being treated as a luxury item; and even the chance of my small local shop, invaluable for its helpful staff and local distance, closing due to the extra cost of the high rate that was origionally proposed; is honestly terrifying.

I am emailing you as I know im not alone in my position. Not only this but I also have elderly neighbours who rely on the same shops supplements. simple remedies that keep their blood pressure down, mobility up, heart strong and insomnia cured. Surely we are receiving a huge benefit aswell as the hospitals wich are always being reported as overflowing, and these great places should be cherished as vital to our countries health and strength. A probiotic that within hours cures stomach bugs, vomiting and diarrhea. The betroot juice which cured my friends high blood pressure when she was on the correct medication and on the brink of needing a machine. People with tumours who my nurse friend knows well, only given enough life to really live via educated supplementation, as all health food shop staff have to be!.

After reading your document i see that vulnerable groups are eliminated from this VAT. Please consider that most people needing supplements are not whimsical, they are people with serious illnesses and life conditions. My answer is that all but sports supplementation should be considered for excemption or at least the lower rate of VAT. For the extreme benefot of this countries hard workers, survivors and general public, and the staff at every hospital, hospice and car home.

Please appreciate our need, thank you.

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