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Finance Foodsuppl

Subject:

Answers re VAT and food supplements from individual consumer

Question 1: Do you agree that the standard rate should apply all food supplement products?

No because food supplements have been part of my healthy diet since I was a child and as a result I am a fit and healthy [Redacted] In my case and that of many of my friends, an application of VAT to food supplements would impose a severe hardship.

Question 2: Do you agree that a reduced rate should applied to all types of food supplement products?

No because good health should not be taxed.

Question 3: Do you agree that a reduced VAT rate should only apply to food supplement products that are recommended for intake by the Department of Health?

No.

Question 4: Do you agree that a reduced VAT rate should apply to food supplement products but that certain categories should be excluded?

No because good health should not be taxed.

Note: Even organic food does not supply all the necessary nutrition for good health in a polluted environment. It is very strange that your current guidelines apply VAT to weight loss products when obesity is a serious health risk in this country. An argument does exist regarding application of VAT to body building protein powders as these are not directly health related.

Yours sincerely,

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