

Chatham House

Food Supply Working Group

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Food Security Policy Development Exercise



Overview

- **Any disruption to the global network of food supply and distribution can have far reaching consequences.**
- **The scenario-driven exercise was intended to draw out lessons from recent food safety and security events.**
- **The main focus was on roles and responsibilities for crisis management and recovery**
 - Who would be responsible for co-ordinating the response to an unprecedented situation ensuring consistency of action?
 - How can the equivalent of ‘needles in haystacks’ be found in food supply chains?
 - What would be a proportionate response to the situation presented?
 - How does industry and government effectively communicate with consumers and generate a trusted relationship?
 - What can be changed now in order to enhance preparedness and resilience?
 - What best practice from elsewhere could help get to grips with the problem?
 - How does the FSA add value to the response?
 - How do those in supply chains ‘trade off’ between supporting their partners and competitive drivers to increase market share?
 - How does the need for brand protection intersect with food security?

New Policy Initiatives
- what's needed?

Tools for Delivery
- how will change occur?

Constraints
- any barriers to delivery?

