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Review of The Restrictive Practices (Groceries) Order, 1987

The Consumer Strategy Group, established by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment under the Chairmanship of Ms Ann Fitzgerald, has published its report entitled "*Make Consumers Count*". The Report recommends the immediate revocation of the Restrictive Practices (Groceries) Order, 1987 in its entirety.

The Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment proposes to conduct a written consultation before deciding what action to take in regard to this recommendation.

Accordingly, the Minister invites comments, observations and submissions from any interested parties, groups or individuals on the specific recommendation of the Consumer Strategy Group that the Groceries Order be revoked.

Contributors are particularly asked to address the following questions:

- Do you support the recommendation of the Consumer Strategy Group?
- Would you favour amending or replacing the Order? If so, what type of alternative legislative provisions would you consider to be appropriate?

Comments, observations or submissions should be transmitted by electronic mail to: groceriesorder@entemp.ie

or by post to the

**Consumer Policy Section,
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Earlsfort Centre,
Lower Hatch Street,
Dublin 2.**

to arrive no later than 5pm on Sunday 31st of July, 2005.

Copies of the Consumer Strategy Group report can be obtained by contacting:

**Consumer Strategy Group,
C/o Forfás Secretariat,
Wilton Park House,
Wilton Place,
Dublin 2.**

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This document is also available on the Department's web site www.entemp.ie

(An explanatory note on the provisions of the Groceries Order can also be downloaded from the web site)

Please note that all comments, observations and submissions will be published following the Minister's decision in respect of the Order and will be subject to the Freedom of Information Acts 1997-2003. Consequently, when submitting material, parties should identify any information which they do not wish to have released and an accompanying explanation.

For further information and assistance, please contact the Competition and Consumer Policy Section of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on (01) 6312501.