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TO: EXECUTIVE COLLEAGUES

**NORTHERN IRELAND EXECUTIVE FOOD SUPPLY SECURITY CONTINGENCY PLAN
AND ESCALATION POLICY**

In May of this year, my Department agreed to lead on Food Supply Security on behalf of the Northern Ireland Executive; specifically to provide the oversight and co-ordination necessary to respond to major emergencies. A monitoring programme has been in place for some time now and we are regularly sharing food supply assessments to the Executive Office. The importance of this work has been highlighted several times during the pandemic.

DAERA officials have been engaging with other Departments and stakeholders on this issue and the experience to date has highlighted the importance of a collaborative approach. I would like to take this opportunity therefore to thank you and your officials for all of your help which has been crucial in getting the work to this stage. As promised, we have developed a Northern Ireland Food Supply Contingency Plan, version 1.6 (**Annex 1**) and Escalation Policy, (**Annex 2**).

While the Plan and Policy are currently active, they are a living document and subject to ongoing development. Accordingly it would be helpful if you or your officials wish to provide input for future versions to send comments to NR [@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:private.office@daera-ni.gov.uk).

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