

Traidcraft's response to the Competition Commission's provisional findings

The Competition Commission has published its emerging thinking, which noted evidence that supermarkets make unfair demands on suppliers and suggested an ombudsman scheme to help protect farmers and small businesses that sell to supermarkets. Here is Traidcraft's response.

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The Competition Commission's provisional findings on the groceries market rightly recognise that action is needed to address the relationship between supermarkets and their suppliers.

But their proposed remedy is not strong enough to cure the problem. To have any hope of dealing adequately with supply chain abuses when they do occur, we need an independent adjudicator with sufficient power and authority to monitor and regulate supermarket behaviour.

Abuse of buyer power has a direct impact on society and the environment: we need a supermarket adjudicator that's strong enough to do the job.