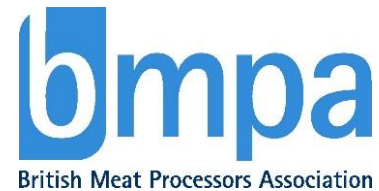


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The Rt Hon Tom Pursglove MP,
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7th March 2024

Dear Minister,

We are writing to you to request an urgent meeting with some of the Chairs and Chief Executives of major companies in the UK.

Our members are deeply concerned about the proposals to increase the Skilled Visa salary threshold to £38,700. We believe this proposal will have considerable repercussions for food inflation, future investment in the UK, food security and animal welfare.

We are concerned that the implications of this proposal are not fully understood and have recently written to James Cleverly outlining the potential consequences (please see the attached copy of our letter), but we have not yet had a response.

We would therefore ask you, as a matter of priority, to arrange a meeting between yourself and the Chairs and Chief executives of the 5-6 companies with a joint turnover of £8bn. These companies make a significant contribution to the UK economy and are essential to the mainstream food supply chain. We want to give you the opportunity to hear first-hand their concerns about the ramifications.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Allen

CEO

About British Meat Processors Association (BMPA)

The BMPA is the leading UK red meat trade body, working on behalf of businesses that supply over 80% of red meat to the country. Our members are responsible for supplying fresh meat and meat products to retailers, restaurants, and food service companies throughout the UK.

We work alongside Governments across the UK and other organisations to help develop a meat industry that is competitive, professional and supplies a sustainable, long-term and affordable supply of food to British customers. We also have a strong Associate membership of supporting and associated industries to core red meat processing.