

Call for evidence: An inspection of the immigration system as it relates to the agricultural sector

News story

The Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration invites anyone with knowledge and experience of the interaction between the UK immigration system and the agricultural sector to submit evidence to inform an inspection in this area.



The Independent Chief Inspector is interested in assessing the extent to which the Home Office's immigration functions support the agricultural sector. To that end, it is expected that this inspection will adopt a broad perspective on the interaction between the UK's immigration system and the agricultural sector, examining such areas as:

- the efficiency and effectiveness of the [Seasonal Agricultural Worker Pilot](#)
- the extent and quality of communication and engagement between the Home Office and the agricultural sector
- the current suitability of the Home Office's licencing system for visa sponsorship
- the effectiveness of the Home Office's compliance requirements on sponsors, including how these safeguard employees from exploitation

This call for evidence will remain open until 20 June 2022.

The Independent Chief Inspector would be pleased to hear both what is working well and what could be improved. Information received in response to this call for evidence will play an important part in defining the scope and focus of the inspection. Submissions touching on any and all areas of interest to the sector, including those that may not be mentioned above, are therefore welcome.

The information you submit may be quoted in the final inspection report, but

it is the ICIBI's practice not to name sources and to anonymise as much as possible any examples or case studies.

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Alternatively, or if you are using a non-compatible email client, then please send your submission to agriculture@icibi.gov.uk, with 'Agricultural sector call for evidence' in the subject line and the following consent statement in the body of your email: "I consent to the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration retaining and processing the information and data in this email."

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