

Evidence of tampering of food safety records and use-by dates “extremely concerning” – Sue Hayman MP

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Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, responding to evidence

by the Guardian and ITV showing tampering of food safety records and use-by dates, said:

“The evidence

presented here is extremely concerning and raises a number of serious questions. The supplier in question is the largest supplier of chicken to UK supermarkets, meaning the number of consumers impacted will be significant.

“It is welcome that

five major food retailers are going to launch immediate investigations but the

Government must do the same. The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs must respond to the findings of the investigation to reassure consumers that this matter is in hand. Stepping back and shunting the issue on

to the Food Standards Agency, as during the imported egg crisis, will not do.

“It is vital that the

Government ensures that the highest food standards are being upheld in the UK and that consumers are presented with correct information at the point of purchase.”