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## **RESPONSE REGARDING PRODUCT DATE EXTENSIONS**

Retail Food Group Limited (RFG:ASX) refers to recent media coverage concerning product use by or best before dates.

RFG follows strict standards with regard to food quality and any product date extension was granted following written approval from the supplier and with consumer safety top of mind. Regardless, RFG has taken voluntary action and is in the process of withdrawing any products which had received approved date extensions from our suppliers.

RFG works closely with its preferred supplier network to ensure high quality products are delivered ready for sale to franchise stores. During the last financial year, RFG worked with more than 1,000 Australian suppliers to deliver over 15,000 products through its vast distribution network around Australia.

In the past 18 months, RFG brands engaged with less than 1 per cent of its supplier network to request possible shelf life extension where appropriate and safe to do so. These extensions related to c.0.25% of RFG's annual spend with its supplier network.

RFG audits its suppliers and distributors regularly and will remove any supplier from its network if they are deemed to have contravened relevant food safety regulations.

RFG has not been contacted by regulators regarding any concerns with our food safety standards and if it were then it would fully co-operate in the best interests of consumers.

### **ENDS**

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### **About Retail Food Group Limited:**

RFG is a global food and beverage company headquartered in Queensland. It is Australia's largest multi-brand retail food franchise owner and a roaster and supplier of high-quality coffee products. The Company also operates in the foodservice, dairy processing and wholesale bakery sectors. For more information about RFG visit: [www.rfg.com.au](http://www.rfg.com.au)