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Food and Drink Retailing - UK

“Fortunately, horse meat is not poisonous – unlike the adulteration of olive oil scandal, which hit southern Europe a couple of decades ago. The issue is that trust in labelling has been seriously undermined because some, perhaps many, meat suppliers had been using cheaper product and then passing it off ...

Provenance in Food and Drink - UK

“The horse meat scandal, which broke in January 2013, has put the spotlight on the sourcing of food, with concerns raised over the way in which meat from overseas has entered the UK food chain.

While the food industry is likely to feel the effects for some time, consumers are ...

Online Grocery Retailing - UK

“Without a hike in delivery charges or perhaps substantially higher minimum order values, online retailing for multichannel grocers is never likely to yield margins comparable to store-based shopping. But we think retailers can focus marketing communications on higher socio-economic groups to help mitigate the inherent financial disadvantages of retailing online ...

Bottled Water - UK

“Features such as purity, low calorie content and sourcing/origins are all strengths for the bottled water market and operators should not marginalise these in their efforts to make water a more exciting and adventurous market.”

– Chris Wisson, Senior Drinks Analyst

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Consumer Attitudes towards Functional Food and Drink - UK

“While this greater regulation is intended to clarify the picture for consumers, as 58% of adults think that functional claims are exaggerated/misleading, it may in fact fail to do so in the short term, if brands continue to use consumer expectations of ingredients to their advantage.”

– Chris ...

Food and Drink Packaging Trends - UK

“The food and drink industry suffers a bad reputation for excessive packaging, with most consumers deeming a lot of packaging to be superfluous. There is scope for manufacturers to overturn this negative perception by communicating to consumers the positive impact packaging can have on the environment by extending the shelf ...

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Cider - UK

“Cider producers should be looking to build value into their products to justify a higher price, with purity, limited/special editions and single origins/batches the best ways of encouraging drinkers to trade up.”