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TCS&D SHOW TO SERVE UP LARGEST DEDICATED COLD CHAIN EVENT IN 2015

The UK's increasing appetite for food and drink will make this September's TCS&D Show at the Peterborough Arena the largest yet, say event organisers, pointing to the huge importance of the sector at the heart of the logistics industry.

Office for National Statistics estimates for January - October 2014⁽¹⁾ showed the quantity of food and drink bought in the UK increased by more than three per cent year-on-year, continuing a pattern of growth stretching back more than a decade. Approximately 41p of every £1 spent in the retail industry in October 2014 was in food stores – with a large share of these goods moved through the cold chain.

Rob Fisher, TCS&D Show Exhibition Director, explains: "As the country's demand for food rises, companies have faced decisions about whether to increase their fleets and warehousing space accordingly, or to balance this growth by getting smarter at asset specification and utilisation.

"Arguably it's the latter which is often the most cost-effective. That makes events like the TCS&D Show invaluable as a place to gather and see the latest innovations under one roof."

The UK food and drink manufacturing sector generated approximately £187bn of sales and £100bn of gross value added (GVA) in 2012⁽²⁾, with supply chain costs – including temperature controlled services – being roughly nine per cent of the total price. As well as transporting fresh produce from 'farm to fork', reefer fleets also move pharmaceuticals and healthcare products, plus other temperature-sensitive goods.

Fisher says this year's event will be the first since the European Commission's publication of a new chapter on transportation quality & integrity within its guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of medicinal products for human use.

He explains: "The document requires transport companies in the pharma sector to demonstrate that medicines have not been exposed to conditions which may compromise quality and integrity. For many fleets this means carrying out detailed assessments of their cold chain integrity, and specifying new equipment accordingly. We're expecting it to be a major talking point at the Show."

The TCS&D Show takes place on 16 and 17 September 2015 at the Peterborough Arena. Held in conjunction with the Food Storage & Distribution Federation (FSDF) and the British Frozen Food Federation (BFFF), it is the only UK tradeshow dedicated to the storage and distribution of temperature-controlled products.

More than 70 per cent of the available exhibition space has already been sold, highlighting high levels of confidence in the market from original equipment manufacturers, ancillary providers and service suppliers. Organisers urge firms interested in exhibiting to secure space quickly to avoid disappointment.

The TCS&D Show 2015 will be supported by a comprehensive seminar programme, plus the annual TCS&D Awards Dinner.

For more information please visit www.tcsdshow.com

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Source ⁽¹⁾: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/rsi/retail-sales/october-2014/rft-rsi-poundsdata-october-2014.xls> (Value Seasonally Adjusted - Total Retail Sales)

⁽²⁾ DEFRA 2013



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