

Edinburgh MP raises question over the EU and protected food

Deidre Brock MP for Edinburgh North and Leith has raised the matter of the protected status for foods such as the Arbroath Smokie and the Stornoway Black Pudding after Brexit.

In response to a written question from Deidre, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, George Eustice MP said that the EU Protected Food Name Scheme was 'a matter for negotiations' and the government is 'considering options'.



Ms Brock said : “Now we get down to the nitty-gritty of the Brexit negotiations we see that even our food heritage is under threat, and the Tories don’t have a plan to protect it.

“Scotland’s food and drinks industry has been booming with Scottish Government support, backed up by EU level protections. Exports have more than doubled since the SNP came to power.

“We cannot sit back and allow this floundering Tory Government to damage a healthy Scottish industry. We need the Scottish Government to be at the negotiating table fighting for our food and drinks industry – and fighting to keep us in the single market, as most Scottish businesses and the people of Scotland want us to be.”