

Dear

I am writing to you as one of your longstanding customers to let you know that I am deeply concerned about the impacts of pesticides on human health and the natural environment.

In particular, I am worried that pesticides used in your global supply chains have the potential to harm the health of farmers in the UK and beyond, and also pose a risk to the health of me and my family when they appear as residues in the food you sell. I have also been alarmed by recent scientific studies which have named pesticides as one of the key drivers of massive declines in wildlife populations, including insects such as bees.

That is why I am contacting you today to urge you to take action to reduce pesticide-related harms linked to your global supply chains. In particular, I'd like you to do more to phase out the most hazardous pesticides. I would also compel you to be more transparent about pesticides, in particular by publishing the results of your in-house residue testing scheme so I am able to see what pesticides appear in the food I buy and in what quantities.

As you know, PAN UK – the only UK charity focused on tackling the problems caused by pesticides and promoting safe and sustainable alternatives in agriculture, urban areas, homes and gardens – is keen to provide you with advice and assistance on reducing pesticide use. I hope you will take up their offer and implement their recommendations in order to better protect health and environment.

I believe that UK supermarkets have a key role to play in restoring nature and helping to create a world where people and wildlife can both thrive. I'd be hugely grateful if you could respond to this message to let me know what additional actions you plan to take to minimise the pesticide-related harms caused by your operations.

Kind regards,