SCOTTISH GROCER FEATURE SYNOPSIS March 2022 Dairy

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• We're keen to have opinions, thoughts and predictions on the following topical issues as well as general market information such as market share, market trends and details of brand activity.

• It's always very useful to receive images – 300 dpi if possible. Good images include product shots, pictures of people quoted in the copy, and pictures of advertising and marketing activity.

•And please feel free to provide anything else you think is relevant.

Dairy is a staple category, with high household penetrations and sales. There's always room for improvement however, and in this feature we'll look at how Scotland's c-store retailers can ensure they're extracting as much value as possible from the increasingly diverse category. We would welcome comments on the following:

• How would you assess the performance of dairy products in Scottish c-stores? How does this compare to the grocery channel? What lessons could c-store retailers learn from the multiples?

• What are the key trends retailers should be aware of for 2022? What innovation or emerging brands/styles/formats within dairy do you expect to see gaining ground this year?

• How has Brexit, Covid and the associated supply chain issues affected the dairy category? What steps have brands taken to mitigate disruption/maintain availability?

• Meat-free alternatives have been gaining ground in Scotland, as more consumers adopt vegan eating habits. Should retailers consider stocking products like plant-based milk alternatives and vegan cheese? What innovation (if any) have you introduced in this subcategory? What advice can you offer retailers looking to introduce dairy-free alternatives?

• What are the main shopper missions driving dairy sales in convenience? How can retailers set up their dairy offer to ensure they are able to capitalise on these shopper missions?

• Do you have any NPD or campaigns you would like to shout about?