Benefits of Becoming an IMTA Trading Member

As of 2025, IMTA has provided 130 years of leading trade expertise on UK trade policy including on customs, tariffs, rules of origin, WTO, trade agreements, SPS conditions and market access. With many years collective experience in the meat trading sector, the secretariat provides information on quota systems, free trade agreements and customs issues. Members are at the heart of the association, steering the direction and contributing invaluable knowledge, insight and passion into everything IMTA does. Trading members import, export, trade and distribute beef, pigmeat, poultrymeat and sheep meat. Our UK based members play a key role in providing consumer choice and balancing the carcass for British producers.

KEY BENEFITS

Stay Updated with the Latest News

News items are published on our website throughout the day. These are specifically tailored to the requirements and interests of the busy meat trader. A summary of the news is sent direct to members at the end of the day, as well as curated weekly and monthly recaps.

Query & Troubleshooting Support

Members can ring or email requesting information on legislation, customs, or technical matters and IMTA will endeavour to solve the query and can liaise with authorities where required. IMTA received over 700 queries in 2024.

IMTA Website: Your One-Stop Shop

There is a wealth of information on our website including up to date guidance and reports of prior meetings. All of the information you need is in one place, saving you the time of tracking it down yourself and allowing you to focus on your day to day business.

Have Your Voice Heard

Our secretariat lobbies government to aim for the best outcomes for our members. We have established strong relationships with UK government officials as well as UK Ministers and diplomats over several decades. We also actively monitor EU Legislation.

Expand Your Network

Interact with other members at our events and take advantage of our international connections to link your business with developments in the international meat trade. Members have a profile on our website and are also listed in Meat Contacts Magazine.

Additional Benefits...

Plenty of extra perks are not listed here. We want you to get the most out of your membership, and we can personalise your experience to fit your business needs. Reach out to our Strategy Director for personalised support: Katrina@imta-uk.org

OUR EVENTS

In recent years, IMTA has held 30+ member exclusive events in a year. These include Q&A sessions with government officials, visits to ports, briefings on the upcoming policy changes, and more:

- **Breakfast Briefing:** Monthly calls with the IMTA Secretariat covering common issues facing members and legislative or policy updates.
- **Lunchtime Refresher:** Sessions reviewing important subjects in meat trading, providing fresh guidance and how-tos.
- **Members Meeting:** Four annual discussion based events covering the latest policy updates and member concerns. Held hybrid to prioritise networking opportunities and for convenience.
- **Annual General Meeting:** Event for members to review IMTA's performance over the past year, designate board members, and discuss changes to IMTA for the following year.





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>
> - IMTA Trading Member



SIMPLIFY YOUR HIRING

IMTA occasionally receives and circulates to members CVs from promising candidates, who may be suitable for commercial and trading posts, logistics and technical roles, and accounting and business administration.

SET IMTA'S PRIORITIES & ACCESS OUR NETWORKS

IMTA lobbies government to aim for the best outcomes for its members, to strive for access to a variety of sources of imported meat as well as access to a range of export markets. IMTA is active on Sustainability issues.

As a member of the European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV), IMTA members regularly receive analysis and reports on EU matters.

Join our Working Groups to share best practice and intel, and help determine what IMTA's lobbying message to government should be.

There are 18 Members of the Board. Dr Margaret Boanas serves as Chairman.

Generally IMTA consults the entire membership when taking a position on an important topic, enabling you to influence IMTA's lobbying position. We have a 1:1 company to vote system, so all businesses irrespective of their size have equal weighting. IMTA talks to many key actors in government and politics. Particularly during times of uncertainty, your business could benefit from being at the table and helping to set the agenda for meat trading.

BECOMING AN IMTA MEMBER—THE PROCESS

MEMBER APPLICATION

All applications are presented to and approved by the board.

SHORT & INFORMAL INTERVIEW

Interested company will meet with a board member and the IMTA Secretariat online to discuss their interest in joining and learn more about IMTA.

IMTA MEMBERSHIP

Enjoy the benefits of IMTA membership.

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