BRC CLIMATE STATEMENT

We, signatories of the BRC's Climate Statement, believe that climate change is one of the greatest threats to our society and planet. Our industry is the largest private sector employer in the UK, our customer base is 67 million people strong, and our supply chains support livelihoods for millions around the world. We are already seeing the impact of weather extremes on each of these stakeholders.

Collectively we have a key part to play in tackling climate change. This view is supported by our customer base across the UK, whether they are shopping for bread or books, t-shirts or TVs, sheds or shampoo, or simply buying a cup of coffee. This is why **we are coming together through the BRC to develop a ground-breaking decarbonisation plan that will guide the industry on the steps necessary to accelerate progress towards a Net Zero UK, ahead of the Government's 2050 target.**

We recognise that as retailers we are uniquely placed to support the UK's journey to a low carbon future. That is why we are focusing our efforts on three key groups. Firstly, we commit to driving forward decarbonisation in our shops, distribution centres and logistics operations, building upon our work over the last decade. Second, we commit to driving down emissions in our supply chains. And finally, we will help to guide our customers towards dramatically lowering their own carbon footprint, while continuing to deliver an outstanding retail experience.

We will publish the roadmap and further commitments in the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. We will be engaging key stakeholders and have commissioned external specialists to support us in this work.

By working collectively with our employees, customers, suppliers, Government and other stakeholders, we are confident we can overcome the shared barriers we face to tackling climate change and help the UK lead the way towards a better society and a better planet. The BRC Climate Statement is the first step in that process.