

Creating **change** in the food system

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Food and drink is the **largest manufacturing sector** in the UK

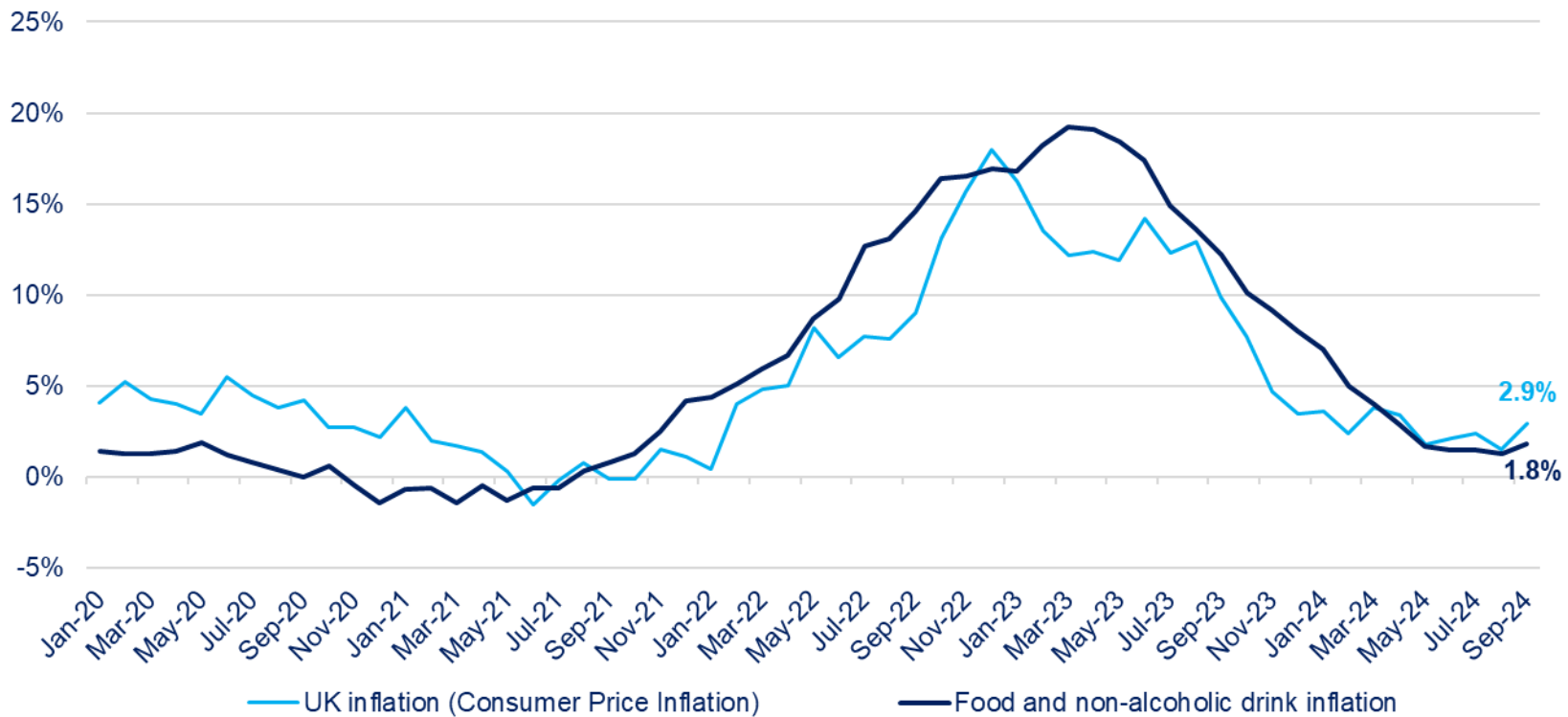
The industry
contributes over
£38bn to the
economy

The sector
provides over
475,000 jobs

With **4 million**
more across the
farm-to-fork food
supply chain

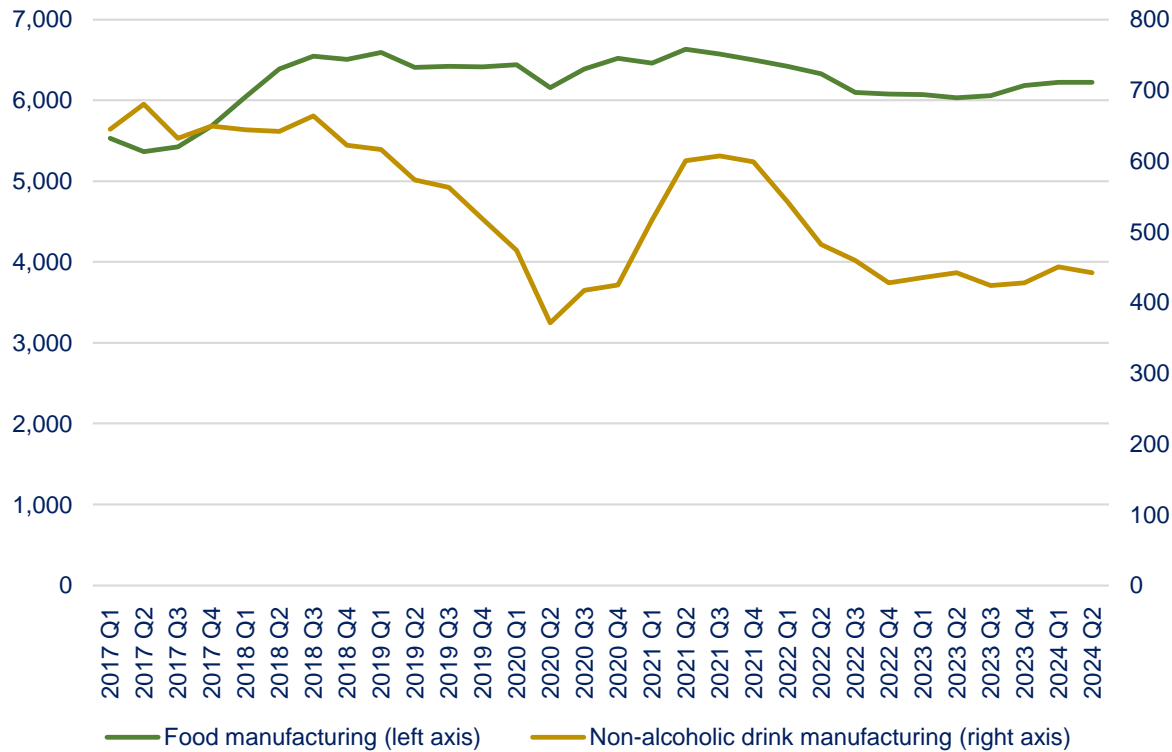
Food and drink
exports were
valued at a
record **£24bn in**
2023

Food and drink inflation was 1.8% in September, below UK's inflation of 2.9%



Source: ONS.

The industry is smaller than pre-pandemic

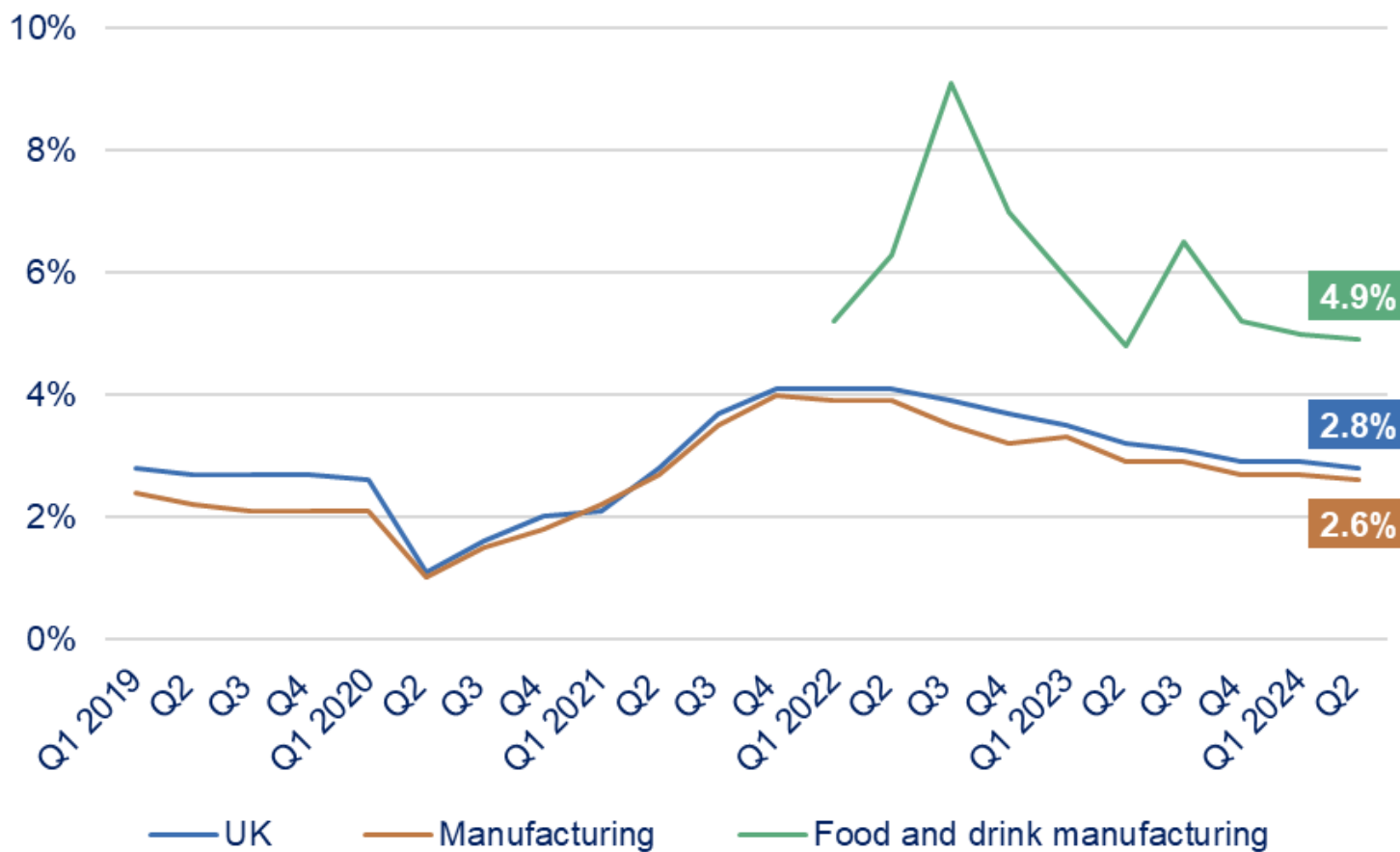


Growth: 2023 vs 2019

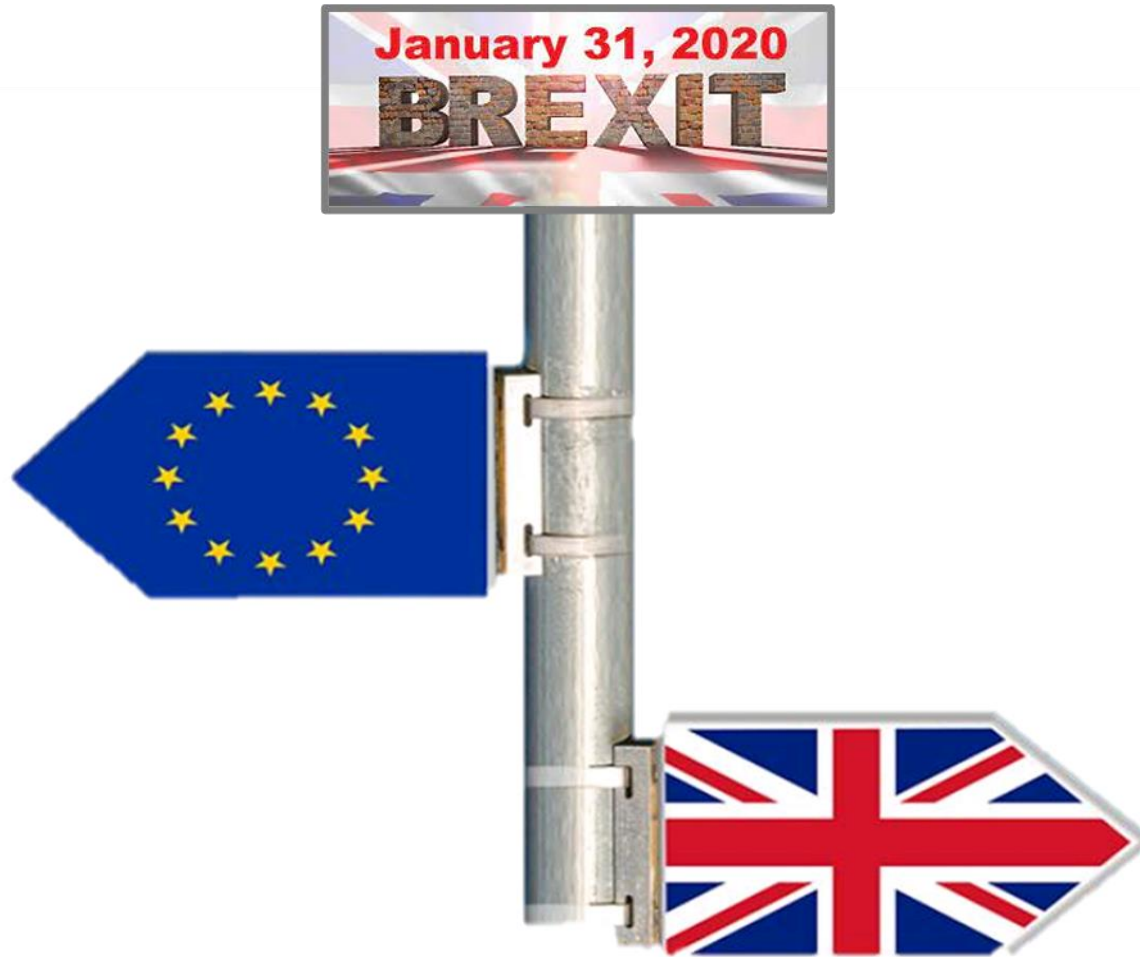
UK	Food manufacturing	Non-alcoholic drink manufacturing
2.6%	-5.8%	-23.8%

Source: ONS, Gross value added, in £ millions, chain volume measures.

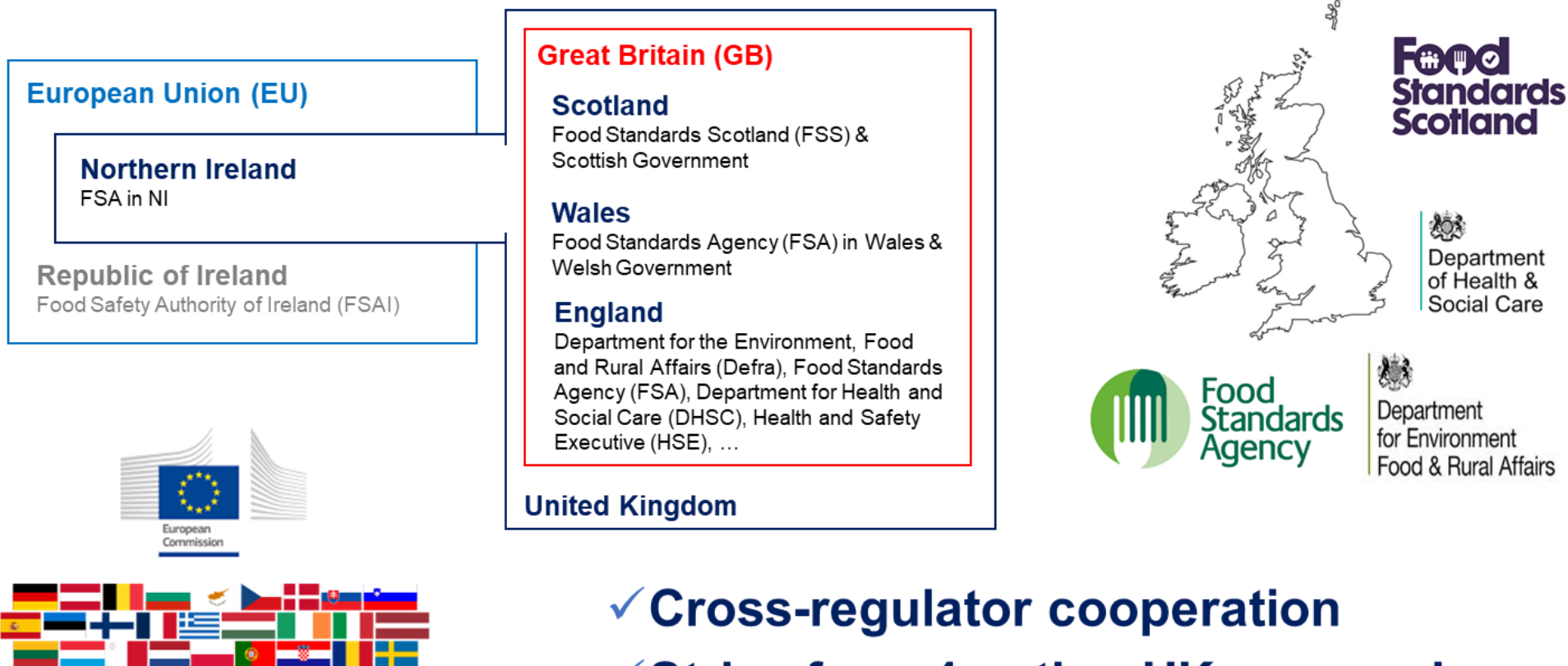
Labour and skills shortages



Source: FDF State of Industry Surveys and ONS



Our (complex) regulatory system



fdf | **AMBITION
2030**



PILLAR 1:

Net Zero

Ambition:
Contribute to a 50%
reduction in emissions
across the agrifood
supply chain by 2030



PILLAR 2:

Nature Restoration

Ambition:
Build a 'Nature
Positive' industry
to halt and reverse
nature loss by 2030



PILLAR 3:

Sustainable Commodities

Ambition:
Contribute to halting
commodity-driven
deforestation and
conversion by 2030



PILLAR 4:

Food Waste

Ambition:
Halve per capita
food waste by 2030,
contributing to
UN SDG 12.3 and the
Courtauld 2030
commitment



PILLAR 5:

Packaging

Ambition:
Contribute to implementing
a world-class packaging
recycling system in the
UK, reducing the
environmental impact
of packaging

Successful food systems change

Supply chain resilience
and food security

Environmental
sustainability

Healthier diets

Investment and
productivity