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# Arla to invest EUR 107Mn in UHT milk production in UK

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Arla Foods has announced a proposal to invest EUR 107.7 million into its Lockerbie site in Scotland, to support the farmer-owned cooperative's future growth ambitions.

The dairy cooperative is proposing to create a Centre of Excellence for the production of UHT and Lactofree milk at Lockerbie. UHT is milk that has been processed at an ultra-high temperature, which means that it does not require refrigeration until it is opened.

Speaking about the investment proposals, David Boulanger, Executive Vice President and Head of Supply Chain, said: "We have chosen Lockerbie as a future UHT centre of excellence in the UK as it allows us to build scale, drive significant efficiencies and strengthen our resilience. Located close to a large milk pool, Lockerbie brings additional sustainability advantages with our recently invested anaerobic digestion plants. The new investment will enable us to increase UK production capabilities in UHT and Lactofree technologies, supporting further growth with our strategic customers in the UK."

As a result of the investment plans, there is a potential impact for some colleagues based at its Stourton site, and all colleagues at its Settle site, which Arla proposes to close. There are no immediate changes proposed, however, the anticipated change date is from the second half of 2026, if the proposals go ahead.

David Boulanger continues: "This investment for Lockerbie implies that we are proposing to move some production from other sites in the UK and as a result, will potentially impact some of our colleagues in Stourton and Settle. At Arla we are committed to supporting all colleagues through periods of change and we understand that this will be a time of uncertainty for everyone who works across these sites. We will be entering into a period of consultation with all colleagues affected by these proposals."

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