

CHRISTINE TACON

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# Supermarket tsar: Businesswoman named country's first grocery enforcer

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Role: Christine Tacon

A businesswoman has been named as the UK's first supermarket enforcer.

Groceries Code Adjudicator Christine Tacon will be allowed to fine chains that bully suppliers and fix prices.

The former Co-op Farms boss has also been asked to wipe out the "climate of fear" among whistleblowers.

Mum-of-two Christine, 53, will start the £69,000 a year job after Parliament signs off the position in the spring.

She said she wanted to make "a permanent and enduring difference".

The British Retail Consortium had slammed the role as "weighted heavily against supermarkets".

But in a change of heart today, it called for a close relationship.

Mrs Tacon, of Norfolk, was awarded a CBE for services to agriculture in 2004 after just three years in the industry.

She has since carved out a name for herself as a tough troubleshooter.

The Groceries Code Adjudicator post was first recommended by the Competition Commission in 2008.