

Supermarkets in 'bullies' quiz

SUPERMARKETS are demanding millions of pounds from suppliers to keep their products on the shelves, it has been claimed.

The powerful store chains are facing a major probe over so-called "pay to stay" bullying tactics which breach industry rules.

Other alleged abuses include deliberately over-estimating orders for promotions, then failing to compensate suppliers who are left with huge amounts of pricey stock.

In one case a supplier even claimed it was pressured into paying £25,000 for 10 tickets to a charity dinner or risk



CLAIMS Firms face probe having its products withdrawn from sale.

Groceries Code Adjudicator Christine Tacon is investigating a string of complaints about breaches of industry regulations. The adjudicator, who can impose massive fines, is due to report in June.

■ TESCO is believed to be close to striking a deal with the Serious Fraud Office that would see it pay a huge fine over a 2014 scandal in which it exaggerated profits by more than £300million.