

# Egg Buying Policy

## **ALDI SUISSE**



## 1 Introduction

Our Corporate Responsibility Principles define our understanding of acting responsibly towards our customers and business partners, as well as the environment. In order to comply with the prevention of unnecessary suffering of animals, we have set ourselves the goal to exclude the use of caged eggs from the production of our private label products. With our corporate buying policy, we communicate our goals and requirements to our suppliers and customers.

We have also developed an Animal Welfare Policy, which focuses on the prevention of unnecessary suffering of animals throughout all stages of the production chain. ALDI SUISSE pursues the goal to actively extend its range of animal-based products procured from production facilities with verifiable application of animal welfare standards that exceed legal provisions.

## 2 Scope of application

The scope of application of our Corporate Buying Policy for Eggs includes all fresh and shell eggs and all specials, core range, and seasonal products sold under our private labels that contain egg as an ingredient, irrespective of the form (e.g. liquid, cooked) or volume (spread, garnish) in which the eggs are used.

## 3 Goals and requirements

### 3.1 Fresh eggs/shell eggs

All fresh eggs sourced and sold by ALDI SUISSE come from organic, free range, or free run hens. As a result of our commitment to animal welfare, we refuse to source and sell cage-laid eggs.

### 3.2 Eggs as an ingredient

From the delivery date of 1 January 2019 onwards, all eggs intended as an ingredient shall be procured from certified free range or free run farms for the following private label products:

- All bakery products: bake-off, bread/cakes and bakery products included in the freezer and frozen ready meals, biscuits, and seasonal confectionary commodity groups.
- Pasta products: processed foods and products of the freezer and frozen ready meals commodity groups which contain pasta as the main component.
- Mayonnaise and sauces.

In addition to the aforementioned product areas, we are also striving to complete the transition to certified free range and free run eggs as soon as possible for all other products containing relevant quantities of egg.

ALDI SUISSE accepts the agroVet certificate, the KAT standard, and the 'Suisse Garantie' quality labels. Furthermore, we also accept IP and the organic certificates as proof of origin.

The use of relevant logos for labelling purposes (KAT, agroVet, 'Suisse Garantie', organic), the use of our 'NATURE SUISSE' and 'NATURE SUISSE BIO' private labels or the information concerning free range or free run eggs promote the product safety and transparency.

In exceptional cases and following consultation with the responsible Buying team, our supplier may apply the 'Mass Balance' system. In such cases, the supplier shall guarantee that an amount of certified eggs which is identical to the amount of eggs required for the manufacture of the ALDI SUISSE private label products



concerned has been procured. It is not required that the purchased eggs be processed separately from the non-certified eggs or that actual physical components of the certified eggs are included in the product. The supplier shall be obliged to provide ALDI SUISSE with relevant evidence such as delivery notes or invoices.

#### **4 Monitoring**

ALDI SUISSE reserves the right to have independent certification bodies conduct random inspections in order to ensure the flow of goods and for the sake of transparency.

Any deviations from the requirements of this Corporate Buying Policy detected during such inspections may result in consequences being imposed depending on type and severity of the deviation.

#### **5 Active implementation**

At ALDI SUISSE, we implement our sustainability requirements in close cooperation with our suppliers. The obligation to meet the respective certification standard is one of the terms of our contracts.

##### Validity of certificates

The supplier shall ensure that the certificate remains valid for all certified products. Subsequently, the validity of the relevant certificates will be checked within the scope of potentially conducted reviews. Furthermore, subject to the requirements of the certification issuer, certification is printed on the product accordingly.

##### Inspection of production facilities

The supplier shall be obliged to provide (proof of) all current certificates/documents and to enable access to all relevant business areas for the purpose of inspection. Any and all operational changes, such as changes to the recipe or production facility shall be reported to ALDI SUISSE immediately.

##### Regular evaluation

This Corporate Buying Policy for Eggs is reviewed and adjusted as necessary on an annual basis. This is the only way to guarantee the long-term sustainable and responsible procurement of our animal-based products.

Furthermore, we also welcome any individual sustainability projects and initiatives undertaken or promoted by our suppliers concerning the production of eggs, and any information they proactively provide to us on the measures taken and developments achieved.