

Our General Policies

- **Confinement:** Our aim is to avoid the use of close confinement of all animal species such as the use of cages, sow stalls, farrowing crates, veal crates and the tethering of animals.
- **Genetic Engineering & Cloning:** It is our policy that animal and animal products from cloned or genetically modified animals and their offspring will not be used in our food products.
- **Growth Promoting Substances:** We specify that no growth promoting hormones are used in the rearing or treatment of animals.
- **Antibiotics:** We are working with our supply base to reduce the levels of use of veterinary medicinal products and other pharmacological active substances used to treat animals (e.g. antibiotics). We also require that our suppliers develop animal production systems that are not reliant on the routine use of antibiotics for disease prevention. Our aim is to reduce and avoid the use of antibiotics for prophylactics across our supply chain.
- **Routine Surgical Intervention:** Our suppliers must avoid surgical interventions where possible. The use of surgical interventions should only be undertaken to prevent suffering, pain, disease or injury and the use of appropriate pain relief or anaesthetic is applied.
- **Pre-Slaughter Stunning:** Our policy is that effective pre-slaughter stunning is delivered prior to slaughter.
- **Long Distance Transport:** Our suppliers must ensure that all live animal transportation is kept to a minimum and to avoid long distance transport. We are working with our suppliers to achieve a maximum transport time of 8 hours.