



National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy

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The National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy is available in Portuguese, German and English. In case of deviations, the Portuguese version, published on our website www.aldi.pt, shall prevail.

1. Our animal welfare commitment

To concretize the International Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy, ALDI Portugal has developed a National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy for Portugal. The International Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy illustrates our international commitment and applies to the ALDI North group of companies.

The National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy of ALDI Portugal illustrates our commitment and defines the measures and targets with regard to the five areas of focus:

- product range selection geared to animal welfare,
- transparency and traceability,
- inspections and audits,
- contribution to animal welfare and
- proactive dialogue.

The National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy applies to all products from our own food and non-food brands containing animal-based raw materials. It is subject to ongoing updates and constant reviews. The respective latest version is a binding operational framework for us and our business partners.

We co-operate exclusively with those business partners who act in compliance with our International and National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy. In case that our targets are not being met, we collaborate with our business partners to develop specific measures for improved production processes. In certain cases, we reserve the right to impose appropriate sanctions – up to terminating the business relationship.

The International and the National Animal Welfare Purchasing Policy are available on our website [\[→\]](#).

2. Product range selection geared to animal welfare

We strictly design our product range while taking animal welfare matters into account.

1. General measures and targets for food and non-food products

The following measures are implemented:

- We sell organic products with the EU Organic logo in food groups with animal-based raw materials under our organic own brand 'GutBio', among others. Besides better protection of the environment, organic products indicate that the animals have more opportunity for species-appropriate behaviour, e. g. through more space or outdoor access.
- We do not sell any products made of genetically modified and/or cloned animals or their descendants.
- We sell fresh meat only from those animals that were effectively stunned before slaughter.
- We are campaigning for the reduction of substances that are toxic to bees throughout our supply chain of fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers and plants.
- We do not sell certain animal-based raw materials as part of our product range selection geared to animal welfare:
 - We signed the 'Fur Free Declaration' by the Fur Free Retailer Program in 2015 and thus also make a public commitment to not selling real fur goods.
 - We do not sell any products made from angora wool.
 - We do not sell quail or their eggs.
 - We do not sell any products (food and non-food) with resources from exotic and endangered species (e. g. kangaroo or ostriches).

The following targets are set:

- We continue to expand the proportion of organic animal products in our range, depending on demand and availability.
- We expand the cooperation with suppliers to jointly work on improvement of animal welfare.

2. Poultry and eggs

The following measures are implemented:

- We sell eggs from alternative hen-rearing systems (barn, free-range and organic farming).

The following targets are set:

- We continuously expand the range of eggs from alternative hen-rearing systems (barn, free-range and organic farming).
- We are striving to cease the sale of eggs from cage systems until the end of 2020.
- For eggs processed in products with a significant egg content we refrain from eggs from cage systems until the end of 2025.

3. Fish and seafood

The following measures are implemented:

- We sell fish and seafood that bear the MSC and ASC seals, which ensure sustainability throughout the entire supply chain for fish and seafood from wild-caught stocks (e. g. use of environmentally-friendly methods of catching wild fish) and aquaculture (environmentally-friendly aquaculture).
- We do not sell any fish species that are categorised as ‘threatened’, ‘protected’ or ‘moratorium species’ on international species protection lists (Red List of IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature).
- For our fish and seafood product range, we have developed a National Fish Purchasing Policy that is available on our website [[→](#)].

The following target is set:

- We increase the proportion of more sustainable seafood and fishery products.

4. Vegetarian/vegan products

The following measures are implemented:

- We help our customers to follow a vegetarian or vegan diet by offering them corresponding products bearing the 'V-Label'. The internationally recognised 'V-Label' is awarded by the independent organization European Vegetarian Union (EVU).
- By selling cheese without or with microbial rennet we offer an alternative to traditional cheese with rennet of animal origin.

The following targets are set:

- We continue to expand our range of vegetarian and vegan products, depending on availability.
- We continue to expand the certification of our products bearing the "V-Label" of the European Vegetarian Union (EVU).
- We continue to expand the identification of our cheese products without or with microbial rennet.
- Jointly we work with our suppliers to refrain from using avoidable small quantities of animal components in our products.

5. Non-food products

The following measures are implemented:

- We have stipulated that no down and/or feathers from live plucking are supplied to us or processed in our products.
- We exclude the practice of mulesing in sheep.
- In our product range, we regularly offer products made of leather alternatives (such as footwear or bags).
- Our end products in the ranges of cosmetics, personal hygiene, washing agents and detergents are not animal-tested, as regulated by law. In the production of finished cosmetic products and ingredients, animal testing has been banned by law already since 2004 and 2009, respectively.

The following targets are set:

- We consider introducing vegan cosmetic products labelled by an international recognized certification.
- We consider converting products containing down and/or feathers and products containing lamb's wool to goods awarded with international recognized certifications.

3. Transparency and traceability

We make our supply chain transparent and ensure the complete traceability of our products.

The following measures are implemented:

- We expect the complete traceability of the origin of our products, as stipulated by law, as this is a key aspect for ensuring increased animal welfare. Beyond the level required by law, our business partners must provide ALDI Portugal with this information as well as information about animal welfare matters immediately upon request and have established suitable procedures for this purpose.
- We label the products bearing a seal or a certificate clearly and transparently on the packaging, in our advertising and in our stores for the orientation of our customers.
- We apply the ALDI Transparency Code (ATC) on meat and meat-containing products. On the ATC Platform that can be accessed via our website [\[→\]](#) or directly at transparencia.aldi.pt [\[→\]](#) our customers find additional information of the origin of the products identified with the ATC and/or a QR-Code on the packaging, even before the purchase.
- In the context of our Fish Purchasing Policy we offer comprehensive information for fish products, seafood and products containing fish by labelling our fish products on the individual packaging. Besides the information required by law, we also provide, the fishing gear, the exact time or period of catching and the aquaculture production method, if possible.
- We only procure fresh meat from Brazil from slaughterhouses that have joined the 'Cattle Agreement'¹. We can thus rule out any association with the deforestation of the Amazon, where countless animal species live. Furthermore, social aspects such as the exclusion of forced labour, respecting the rights of indigenous people and land grabbing are taken into account.
- To help our customers to be able to accompany our animal welfare commitment we have published our International and National Animal Welfare Policy on our website [\[→\]](#).

The following target is set:

- We continue to expand the use of ALDI Transparency Code (ATC) and QR-Codes.

¹ Minimum Criteria for Industrial Scale Cattle Operations in the Brazilian Amazon Biome

4. Inspections and audits

We inspect and audit our business partners to ensure our quality and responsibility commitments towards our customers.

The following measures are implemented:

- Among other things, we obligate our business partners to maintain written documentation of inspections relating to compliance with legal regulations, industry standards and specific ALDI Portugal requirements. We expect our suppliers to be able to provide us with evidence of the regular performance of inspections at any time.
- We also undertake unannounced on-the-spot visits on a random basis to inspect the available documentation and to comply with legal regulations as well as industry standards and specific ALDI Portugal requirements. If necessary, we commission independent auditors for these on-the-spot visits that include, among other things, the inspection of husbandry conditions, feeding, housing, transportation, slaughterhouse, stunning and other species-specific requirements.

The following target is set:

- We will continuously develop and apply inspection systems that cover animal welfare matters.

5. Contribution to animal welfare

With our animal welfare activities, we pursue the objective of increasing the animal welfare standard beyond the level required by law. In doing so, we act in accordance with what is economically and scientifically feasible.

The following measures are implemented:

- We pursue the development of research and industry standards and adjust our requirements.
- We also expect our business partners to be proactively involved in the development and continuous advancement of industry standards as well as being committed to initiatives, networks, research or their own projects on animal welfare matters.
- We cooperate with our business partners, if possible, to achieve an improvement in animal welfare.

The following targets are set:

- We will expand our active participation in relevant animal welfare initiatives to strengthen our commitment to animal welfare.
- We will expand collaboration with suppliers to jointly achieve improvements in animal welfare.

6. Proactive dialogue

We engage in a proactive and transparent dialogue with our stakeholders and, in particular, are a reliable point of contact for our customers.

The following measures are implemented:

- We increase awareness of animal welfare and inform our customers and stakeholders about animal welfare matters on our website and in our advertising.
- We continuously inform our employees about our animal welfare commitment.

The following targets are set:

- We continuously inform our employees about our animal welfare commitment.
- We constantly extend the dialogue with organisation regarding animal welfare issues.

7. List of links:

- [ALDI Portugal – Animal welfare at ALDI Portugal](#)
- [ALDI Portugal – Fish Purchasing Policy](#)
- [ALDI Portugal – Vegetarian/Vegan](#)
- [ALDI Transparency Code \(ATC\)](#)
- [EU organic seal](#)
- [Fur Free Retailer Program](#)
- [European Vegetarian Union \(EVU\)](#)

Further information regarding our CR activities can be found on our website cr-aldinord.com

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