



ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

TEMPLATE

This template can be used by a company that currently does not have an Animal Welfare Policy, it can be used to list commitments on eggs and chicken, and can be used to house future commitments too.

[COMPANY NAME] Animal Welfare Policy

[COMPANY NAME] is committed to operating in a sustainable, responsible manner and to driving up animal welfare standards within the business and among our suppliers. We base our approach to animal welfare on the Five Domains model, which recognises an animal's need for positive experiences, as well as an absence of suffering, in order to achieve physical and mental wellbeing and live a good life.

The 5 Domains of Animal Welfare are:

- 1 Good Nutrition:** providing access to sufficient and good quality water and an appropriate quantity and good quality of foods
- 2 Good Physical Environment:** providing comfort through appropriate temperature, substrate, space, air, odour, noise, and predictability
- 3 Good Health:** promotion of good health through a good fitness level and the absence of disease and injuries
- 4 Appropriate Behavioural Interactions:** allowing animals to display their natural behaviours and have meaningful interactions with other animals and their human carers
- 5 Good Mental State:** achieved through provision of the above.

We are aware that our customers are increasingly concerned about how their food is sourced and as such we endeavour to continue improving the welfare of animals in our supply chain.

Eggs

We are **100% (cage-free or free-range)** across our entire egg supply (shell/ liquid/ ingredient).

OR

We are committed to sourcing **100% (cage-free or free-range)** eggs across our entire egg supply (shell/ liquid/ ingredient) by **DATE**.

At times, farmers are required temporarily to keep free-range egg laying hens in barns to stop the spread of Avian Flu; they will be free-range again as soon as safely possible.



Chickens

[COMPANY NAME] is committed to improving chicken welfare standards and has signed up to the **Better Chicken Commitment (BCC)**, thereby committing to meet or exceed the standards set out in the BCC by **YEAR** for 100% of the chicken (fresh/frozen/processed) in our **(UK/European)** supply chain.

The roadmap below sets out our progress milestones to fulfilment.

[COMPANY NAME] BCC ROADMAP

	EU LAW	STOCKING DENSITY	HIGHER WELFARE BREEDS	ENRICHMENTS	CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERIC STUNNING	THIRD PARTY AUDITING
YEARS	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%
YEARS	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%
YEARS	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%
YEARS	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%	__%
YEARS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

We will review this statement annually, with the next review being **(Month/Year)**

Signed:

Date:



ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding publishing an animal welfare policy, that are not covered in the information above, or would like to discuss this further, please contact one of our corporate relations team using the details below, and we will be happy to assist:

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