

UNILEVER'S POSITION ON FARM ANIMAL WELFARE



Background

A number of our products include ingredients that come from farm animals, such as eggs in mayonnaise, dairy products in ice cream and meat in bouillons and soups. Since 2005, farm animal welfare has been one of Unilever's core sustainable agriculture indicators.

Context

We recognise that many consumers have concerns about animal welfare, and we take such concerns extremely seriously.

Unilever's position

Farm animal welfare is part of our Sustainable Agriculture Code (SAC). We have set out clear standards of care that we expect our suppliers to achieve. We ensure our suppliers comply with legal requirements and help them to improve their performance in order to meet our SAC provisions. Unilever will be transparent on the specific welfare standards used for our animal-derived ingredients and will report on a regular basis about the progress made.

We believe good farm animal welfare schemes include issues such as housing and stocking density, hygiene, feeding and feed, water supply, health management and the responsible use of antibiotics, the avoidance of mutilations, transport, traceability and slaughtering methods.

Our ambition as set out in our Unilever Sustainable Living Plan is to purchase all our ingredients from sustainable sources by 2020. We will continue to work closely with our supply chain partners to ensure they support the high animal welfare standards we want to achieve for animal-derived ingredients.

