



LIVESTOCK PROCUREMENT POLICY

Policy Statement:

2 Sisters Food Group is committed to ensuring that the livestock it purchases is from suppliers who are committed to high standards of animal welfare.

Scope:

All poultry (chicken) killed in U.K. 2SFG slaughter plants.

Background:

Farm assurance standards in the U.K. were brought in by industry and retailers in the early '90s to address what was felt as a lack of control in meat production. From the early very basic standards they have grown to be world leading addressing not just the everyday job but pushing the boundaries forward to a more proactive approach such as biosecurity and animal health planning for disease prevention. They provide clear guidance to the farmer of what is required to produce good quality, healthy and legal animals. They now the base on which retailers base their own specific requirements.

The 2 Sisters Food Group is committed to purchasing all its livestock direct from farm assured farms. This direct purchase allows auditing to be done to ensure that the expected standards are met, particularly where these are in addition to the base farm assurance ones, plus give feedback on performance and health to farmers to allow them to better manage their production. It also allows education of the supply base on how to improve their production efficiency and on the risk of upcoming challenges.

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Livestock procurement policy	03	August 2018	Head Livestock Compliance	Group Agriculture Director