

CLONES & GENETIC MODIFICATION IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN POLICY

Policy Statement:

2 Sisters Food Group is the trading name for Boparan Holdings Limited, which owns directly and indirectly UK & EU companies constituting the Boparan Group of companies.

The Boparan Group do not accept cloned, genetically modified or transgenic animals or their 1st generation offspring into their supply base in line with UK & EU legislation.

Scope:

All meat used in Boparan Group companies.

Background:

Our strict livestock procurement policy prohibits the procurement of animals which have been cloned or have undergone any form of genetic modification other than that modification which is generated by traditional breeding techniques.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has indicated that the marketing of meat and milk from the progeny of clones is legal, however the marketing of meat from cloned animals themselves is illegal. Foods produced from cloned animals fall under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 (the 'Novel Foods Regulation'). This means that meat, milk or eggs from cloned animals would be subjected to a safety evaluation and approved by all European Union (EU) member states as a novel food before they could be marketed legally. The Food Standards Agency is the UK body responsible for the assessment of novel foods and it will not assess the safety of using cloned animals and their offspring in the food chain unless it is asked to do so.

Equally there is provision under EU law (EC regulation 1829/2003 or Directive 2001/18/EC) for the risk assessment of genetically fish, insects, mammals and birds, though there are as yet been no genetically modified animals or derived products allowed in the EU nor have there been any applications for genetically modified animals received in the EU.

The Agency is aware that the use of cloned animals in the food chain has been examined by the authorities in the US, which announced in January 2008 that edible products from cloned cattle, pigs and goats are as safe as their conventional counterparts and meat from these may be found in the US food chain. Equally genetically modified salmon has been approved for food in the US in 2015.

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