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RE: FRESH PRODUCE SURVEILLANCE TESTING POLICY

Dear Supplier,

Scope

This policy applies to all fresh produce products supplied to ALDI Stores. It is the supplier's responsibility to fully understand the ALDI Stores Produce Surveillance Testing Policy prior to participation in tenders to supply. This policy forms part of the ALDI Product Contract and compliance with this policy is therefore required for all orders placed by ALDI with the supplier.

Policy Statement

Fresh produce sold in Australia must comply with the following legislative and industry requirements with regards to Microbiological, Chemical and Heavy Metal Testing as a minimum:

- Federal Department of Agriculture (AQIS) importation requirements (imported Products).
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Food Standards Code, Standard 1.4.2 Maximum Residue Limits
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Food Standards Code, Standard 1.4.1 Contaminants & Natural Toxicants
- Australian Chemicals and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) Standard including all future amendments to the above requirements.
- Harmonized Australian Retailer Produce Scheme

The supplier to ALDI Stores must be aware of the above requirements and shall implement all reasonable precautions and due diligence checks to ensure that all products supplied to ALDI Stores comply. The supplier is also responsible for keeping up to date with legislation and current industry practice, as the requirements are not limited to the above.

A. Where suppliers are directly involved in the production of products supplied to ALDI Stores the supplier shall ensure that:

1. All chemicals used have been applied in accordance with the specific product instructions.
2. Sustainable farming practices and responsible agricultural practices are implemented and maintained. This includes, but is not limited to Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

3. All chemicals used have been approved for use on the products they are used on in accordance with Australian legislation.
4. All chemicals used are registered with the APVMA.
5. Products imported into Australia have only been treated with chemicals approved for use in those products by the Exporting Country and Australian legislation.
6. Chemicals not permitted for use by Australian legislations have not been used.
7. All chemical residue levels comply with requirements under Australian legislations concerning Maximum Residue Levels.
8. Records relating to the application of chemicals are maintained and held for a period of at least 3 years from production/harvesting. Such records will be made available for inspection by ALDI Stores or their representative upon request.
9. A reasonable program of Microbial, Chemical and Heavy Metal testing has been carried out by an ISO17025 (or equivalent) certified laboratory accredited by NATA (or equivalent). This data will be made available to ALDI Stores or their representative upon request.

B. Where suppliers act as an agent or wholesaler for a grower or directly import pre-packaged produce the supplier shall ensure that:

1. A register of raw materials supplied is maintained.
2. The suppliers comply with items 1-9 as mentioned above under "A".
3. A comprehensive risk assessment of chemical contamination has been carried out for all lines and suppliers.
4. A sampling program for chemical analysis has been implemented.
5. Results of analysis, raw materials register and risk assessment records will be made available to ALDI Stores or their representative upon request.

The supplier shall inform ALDI Stores immediately of any products found to be non-compliant with requirements under Australian legislations and industry standards. The supplier will co-operate with ALDI Stores or its representative in providing as much information as possible on chemical use on all products supplied.

The supplier shall agree that the cost of produce surveillance testing obtained by ALDI Stores, as per the testing schedule matrix supplied by ALDI Stores from time to time, will be invoiced to the supplier directly by the Produce Technical Service Provider (TSP) and will be paid by the supplier in accordance with its invoice terms. This testing is obtained by ALDI Stores for its own due diligence purposes and does not relieve the supplier from their obligations under this Policy and the Terms & Conditions of Purchase. The supplier shall implement their own checks and procedures to ensure that all products supplied to ALDI Stores comply with all applicable legislation, standards and codes of practice (including but not limited to those referred to in this Policy).

If any of the products have been found to be in breach of Critical Limits (whether as a result of ALDI Stores' produce surveillance testing, the supplier's own testing, or otherwise) ALDI Stores may require more frequent testing of the products from the supplier for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of ALDI Stores' Corporate Quality Assurance Specialist. The supplier will pay the TSP directly for the additional surveillance testing required by ALDI Stores with the cost of this testing invoiced to the supplier for payment in accordance with the invoice terms.

Any questions can be raised with the Quality Assurance Team via aldipif@aldi.com.au

Regards,

ALDI Stores
Quality Assurance Department
