

TNS CATERING MANAGEMENT LTD



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TNS Catering Management Ltd believes that animal welfare is a major component of a sustainable supply chain coupled with food safety, security, nutrition, and best environmental practices, alongside fair rights for workers.

TNS works with its supply chain to ensure practices are fair, equitable and take into account animal welfare standards.

TNS serves products derived from animals; but, whilst we are not directly involved in rearing, handling, transportation or the processing of them, we understand our responsibility for the fair treatment of animals in the supply chain.

TNS will work with its supply chain to encourage best practice for the specific activities undertaken by that organisation.

TNS are conscious of the need to improve awareness internally with employees and externally with customers alike, plus, the ever-growing supply chain to ensure animal welfare improvements.

TNS supports the globally-recognised “Five Freedoms”:

- 1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** – by providing ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- 2. Freedom from Discomfort** – by providing appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- 3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** – by ensuring prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- 4. Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour** – by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- 5. Freedom from Fear and Distress** – by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

TNS recognise the fact that animal welfare is a major part of a sustainable supply chain, therefore we work towards a TNS - Animal Welfare Strategy to meet the commitment to source sustainably reared products. we will work with our suppliers to improve where possible animal welfare throughout this supply chain.

The implementation of our commitment includes, but is not limited to, the following :

- Review annual objectives aimed at improving animal welfare throughout the supply chain.
- Acknowledge and highlight whenever possible animal welfare standards, performance, achievements and any targets.
- Ensure that animal welfare is part of any group procurement requirements and highlight in supplier contracts as appropriate possible actions that work towards improving animal welfare standards.
- Encourage higher animal welfare through appropriate communication to clients on key animal welfare issues.

TNS - European Broiler Chicken Commitment

TNS Catering Management Ltd commits to work with our supply chain to reach the following European Chicken Commitment standards by 2026 for 100% of the chicken meat it sources for Europe.

Working alongside our suppliers we will:

1. Comply with all EU animal welfare laws and regulations, regardless of the country of production.
2. Implement a maximum stocking density of 30kg/m² or less. Thinning is discouraged and if practiced must be limited to one thin per flock.
3. Adopt breeds that demonstrate higher welfare outcomes: either the following breeds, Hubbard JA757, 787, 957, or 987, Rambler Ranger, Ranger Classic, and Ranger Gold, or others that meet the criteria of the RSPCA Broiler Breed Welfare Assessment Protocol.
4. Meet improved environmental standards including:
 - a. At least 50 lux of light, including natural light.
 - b. At least two meters of usable perch space, and two pecking substrates, per 1,000 birds.
 - c. On air quality, the maximum requirements of Annex 2.3 of the EU broiler directive, regardless of stocking density.
 - d. No cages or multi-tier systems.
5. Adopt controlled atmospheric stunning using inert gas or multi-phase systems, or effective electrical stunning without live inversion.
6. Demonstrate compliance with the above standards via third-party auditing and annual public reporting on progress towards this commitment.

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