

BOLTON FOOD MACKEREL AND SARDINE SOURCING POLICY

Looking to the United Nations Sustainable Development goals and particularly to the 14th Goal Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources, Bolton Food considers itself engaged in the careful management of this essential global resource as a key feature of a sustainable future starting by its supplying and sourcing activities.

To implement Bolton Food's commitments toward sustainable fishing and protecting the environment, fleet owners, traders, processors and marketers involved directly in supplying frozen, fresh mackerel/sardine or canned mackerel/sardine to Bolton Food shall commit with the following measures:

- 1. Comply with European Regulation No. 853/2004 (hygiene rules for food of animal origin), with European Regulation No. 1005/2008 (illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing) and with European Regulation No. 2136/89 (common marketing standards for preserved sardines).**
- 2. Comply with fishing limitation identified by regulation authorities: quotas, size, bans and moratoria referring to mackerel species *Scomber scombrus*, *Scomber colias* or *Scomber japonicus* as well as sardine species *Sardina pilchardus W.***
- 3. Conduct transactions only with those purse seine vessels that have a UVI number (Unique Vessel Identification) issued by the IMO (International Marine Organization)**
- 4. Refrain from transactions in mackerel caught by harvesting vessel(s) on the European IUU Vessel List.**
- 5. Duly inform Bolton Food in case of IUU fish have been processed and used for mackerel/sardine products with brand names belonging to Bolton Food.**
- 6. Increase sourcing from Robust Fishery Improvement Project and/or MSC certified fisheries.**
- 7. Do not use or trade mackerel/sardine caught in Marine Reserves or protected areas identified by Coastal States.**
- 8. Do not use or trade mackerel/sardine caught by gillnets or drifnets.**
- 9. Promote the above-mentioned requirements among its suppliers and/or subcontractors involved in the mackerel/sardine production cycle.**
- 10. Comply with what stated in the Code of Ethics of the Bolton Group and in the Human Rights Policy of the Bolton Group.**
- 11. Comply with the ILO conventions concerning work in the fishing sector and in particular with the Convention C188 (2007), as well as with the Seafood Taskforce Code of Conduct and Standards.**
- 12. Report all information regarding mackarels and sardines traceability and transparency in the Bolton Supplier Workplace Portal, including fishing operations (fishing vessel, fishing trip, fishing gear, ocean, FAO area), transport and unloading operation and processing (frozen and/or canned products);**
- 13. Collaborate with Bolton Food to verify compliance with this policy.**

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The supplier.....