



# Animal Welfare Policy - Cage-Free Eggs

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## Purpose

The Animal Welfare Policy - Cage-Free Eggs is part of our ongoing development and commitment to Own Brand Animal Welfare policies. This policy outlines Foodstuffs' position in relation to the sourcing of whole eggs and egg used as an ingredient in our Own Brand products and explains what will be required from our suppliers.

## Scope

This policy applies to:

- Gilmours, Value, Pams, and Pams Finest brands and their associated sub-brands and any other owned brands or controlled label products that may be sourced by Foodstuffs Own Brands.
- Whole eggs.
- Egg used as an ingredient (including whole egg, egg white or yolk).

## Our commitment

We are committed to working with our suppliers to ensure that Own Brand eggs and egg used as an ingredient in Own Brand products meet key animal welfare requirements and are verified as cage free, while continuing to provide competitively priced products that our consumers love.

We place animal welfare at the forefront in our sourcing decisions. Foodstuffs reserves the right not to do business with suppliers that do not share and demonstrate our commitment in this area.

As part of our due diligence, we will hold documentation to verify the status of our Own Brand eggs and products containing eggs as an ingredient.

All whole eggs within the scope of this policy will meet the following requirements by the end of 2022, with all egg used as an ingredient in Own Brand products complying by the end of 2025.

## Our requirements

All eggs will be:

- verified cage-free (refer to Table 1)
- meet key animal welfare considerations (refer to Table 1)
- traceable back to their origin (refer to Table 1).

**TABLE 1**

	WHOLE EGGS	EGGS USED AS AN INGREDIENT
Certification	SPCA Blue Tick certification <b>OR</b> Independently audited against the relevant requirements for barn eggs or free-range eggs within the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and Code of Welfare for Layer Hens 2018.	Third-party certification to support cage-free status egg barn or free-range.
Traceability	Eggs are individually traceable back to the barn or free-range operation via systems such as Trace My Egg™ or Oritain	Ingredient supplier has a verified traceability system in place
Key Animal Welfare Considerations	Compliance with Animal Welfare Act 1999 and Code of Welfare for Layer Hens 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For egg produced in New Zealand: compliance with Animal Welfare Act 1999 and Code of Welfare for Layer Hens 2018.</li> <li>• For egg imported into New Zealand for local manufacturing: the country where the egg is produced is a member of the World Organisation for Animal Welfare, AND the regulatory requirements for barn or free-range eggs (as appropriate) in the country of origin are consistent with the New Zealand Code of Welfare for Layer Hens 2018.</li> <li>• For egg used as an ingredient in a product manufactured outside New Zealand: the country where the egg is produced is a member of the World Organisation for Animal Welfare, AND the regulatory requirements for barn or free-range eggs (as appropriate) in the country of origin are consistent with the New Zealand Code of Welfare for Layer Hens 2018.</li> </ul>

Note that Foodstuffs will review and may amend these requirements from time to time to ensure our policies continue to reflect international best practice.