



METRO commitment on cage free eggs for Own Brand assortment

1. Introduction:

In accordance to the [policy for sustainable sourcing](#) our core business is providing our customers with products, that comply with the highest quality and safety standards and which have been produced by socially and environmentally means.

Within this framework health and welfare of animals is one of our key priorities. Together with our suppliers and in close dialogue with further stakeholders, NGO's for instance, we continuously strive to improve farming conditions as well as transparency on the origin of products within our own brand supply chain.

Since January 2012 an EU regulation is in place which prohibits keeping and marketing of conventional battery eggs in Europe. However in accordance to this law eggs from enriched cage farming system are still allowed to sell. In Non-EU countries an equal provision to improve welfare and health of laying hens is not in place at all.

Animal welfare has also emerged as an important issue on the consumer's agenda for years. An increasing number of people are interested in how livestock is raised and want to be assured that animals are handled with due care. That, for example, includes standards in particular for laying hens.

2. Objective:

With this commitment METRO wants to go beyond legislation and contribute to further improvement of farming conditions for laying hens by promoting alternative and more sustainable farming systems, floor and free-range systems for instance.

3. Scope and target groups:

- § METRO/MAKRO Cash & Carry in European countries and real,-
- § Own Brand shell egg and liquid egg products

4. METRO target:

METRO aims to ensure that all Own Brand shell eggs and liquid egg products are sourced 100% cage free by the end of 2022 in West and South Europe and by the end of 2025 in East Europe.

5. Reporting:

METRO will make this commitment publicly available and progress will be reported on our website and in the METRO Corporate Responsibility Report.