
**FOOD QUALITY APPENDIX
ANIMAL LINES**

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This present appendix completes the Product Selection Criteria on vegetable lines and does not replace it. It is aimed at Biocoop's suppliers which offer animal products or goods which contain animal products. The suppliers listed by Biocoop must comply with the regulation in force and in particular have a veterinary certification whose copy they will give to Biocoop's purchasing manager.

I. Fish and sea products**1. For organic aquaculture**

Fish must be certified to organic production.

2. For Seafood

Biocoop selects its wild products based on nine criteria grouped under three themes : environment, economic and social.

Theme environment : species whose quotas are respected for maintaining sustainable stocks for fishing outside the breeding season in areas and under FAO areas clearly identified and communicated as such.

Theme economic : Fisheries clearly identified with the location of the ports or landing pavilion. Fishing technique appropriate to the species, eco-friendly and marketing directly managed for maximum exploitation of fisheries.

Theme social : Biocoop favors independent fisheries who market their production directly. They are current international regulations and comply with the labor law.

Supplier that offers a product to Biocoop, which is composed mainly of one or more raw materials from the fishing or aquaculture, or a product consisting of a ingredient of this nature, or a product containing an ingredient manufactured using a first material from the sea or aquaculture must provide Biocoop:

- Species name in Latin
- Fish areas with nomenclature
- Name of the fishery, the country of affiliation
- Date proposed fishery
- Product form used (fresh, frozen, canned)

The supplier shall forward the documents (certificates, invoice) that attest to these information. At each change of information, the supplier undertakes to inform BIOCOOP before implementing its product.

3. Processed products

Biocoop requires the frying oil used to cook the tinned fish (sardines in particular) to be certified organic.

The supplier has to inform Biocoop if it use in his products freezing raw material. If it is, it has to inform Biocoop where the raw material is stocked.

II. Meat products, milk and eggs

Biocoop is permanently looking for relevant quality improvements which result in the criteria indicated below. These improvements apply in priority to the packaged milk, fresh eggs and meat pieces. However, Biocoop will also give preference to the suppliers of processed products containing other ingredients which can bring the same guarantees.

1. Supplier**1.1. Way of producing**

Biocoop will give preference to the suppliers who:

- contribute to the sustainable development of the area, by avoiding excessive regional specialisations,
- have social objectives,
- look for some consistency in the production systems :
 - lack of integration (maximum control of the supplies in raw materials and of feed formulations),
 - limited size of the farm,

- wish to develop jobs on the farm,
- favour the polyculture breeding systems,
- minimise the sanitary problems : limit the concentration of animals outdoors as indoors,
- favour the breeds which are local and adapted to the (organic) systems of production while taking into account the related costs,
- have the best food autonomy possible, that is to say don't exclude the local/regional supplies in cereals and oilseeds and the exchanges between farms or within a farmer association,
- are able to provide traceability guarantees on the origin of the feed,
- favour systems significantly tied to the land, that is to say :
 - 80% of self sufficiency for the herbivores,
 - 50% of self sufficiency for the poultry and pigs,
- are in 100% organic feeding.

1.2. Feeding : prevention of GMOs risks

The supplier commits to carrying out a GMO risk analysis of contamination or presence for the feeding of his animals and to taking the precautionary measures if the need arises, in accordance with the general regulation and the organic regulation

The risk analysis consists in identifying all the likely entry points for contamination. It must be particularly rigorous for the products and by-products of maize, rapeseed, rice and soya bean. Biocoop will be all the more watchful with the suppliers using these products to feed their cattle. In the case of increased risk or doubt, analysis in a laboratory will have to be carried out.

As a result, on Biocoop's request, the supplier must be able to provide:

- the GMO research analysis plan of the raw material used in the feed (of the farmer and if need be of his various suppliers)
 1. preference to systematic analysis rather than survey
 2. research study threshold in laboratory : 0.01%
- the measures taken to avoid the contamination risks of the feed during the transport and storage (cleaning of the vehicles and the warehouses)
- the GMO research analysis plan of the finished product used for the feed (of the breeder and if need be of his various suppliers)
 1. preference to systematic analysis rather than survey
 2. research study threshold in laboratory : 0.1%
- guarantees for the lack of GMO on the finished product used by the feed
 1. research study threshold in laboratory : 0.1%

Biocoop gives preference to supplier which use raw material coming from the lines recognize by Biocoop.

1.3. Particularities for cattle

a. Breeding

Biocoop selects the farms which provide organically-born or converting to organic animals.

The size of the workshop must be limited to:

- a maximum number of 50 big bovines / year / FTE,
- a maximum number of 100 big mature bovines / year / farm.

b. Breeds

Biocoop only accepts the big mature bovines of beef breeds and mixed (beef and dairy) breeds. The breeds accepted by Biocoop are the following: Charolaise, Limousine, Parthenaise, Salers, Blonde d'Aquitaine, Aubrac, Normande, Montbéliarde, Maine Anjou, as well as all the crossings between these breeds.

1.4. Particularities for pigs

Biocoop selects the farms which provide organically-born or converting to organic animals.

The size of the farm must comply with the following criteria:

- a maximum number of 100 sows / FTE in breeding systems
- a maximum number of 200 sows / farm

- a maximum number of 1,250 finished pigs / year
 - a maximum of 2,500 pigs maximum / year / exploitation
- The age for killing it is 182 days minimum for pigs used in cooked pork meats.

1.5. Particularities for poultry

The chicks will be bred organically in compliance with the rules defined in the organic specifications document, after 3 days at the latest.

For the laying hens, the size of the farm must comply with the following criteria:

- a maximum number of 3,000 laying hens per building, 3 buildings at the most
- 2,000m² of buildings per farm

For the broiler poultry, the size of the farm must comply with the following criteria:

- Buildings of 200 m². However, the buildings of 400 m² which are completely separated in half and whose conversion to organic was prior to August 2000 will be accepted.
- 1,600 m² of buildings per farm.

The life is 84 days minimum for chicken. When the supplier writes on its labels poultry meat, Biocoop asks it to specify the kind of poultry used.

2. Products

Biocoop requires its producers to indicate as much information as possible concerning the organic way of producing on the packaging of his products:

- Information on the supplier (individual or group) : organization, quality charter, role taken on a local level in the development of organic, in particular,
- precise location of the breeding place,
- % of the organic feed,
- length of the breeding.

Biocoop gives preference to the dairy products using a rennet of animal origin in its strict definition, that is to say a secretion of the stomach of suckling ruminants, **obtained by traditional extraction**. **Biocoop asks to receive the type of rennet and ferments used, with the manufacturer's name. The data remain confidential and permit to communicate the conformity to Biocoop stores with this single term "product in accordance with BIOCOOP General Terms of Purchasing."**

III. Honeys and pollen

1. Way of producing

The suppliers of honey sold as is commit not to heating this product at a temperature over 45°C. The supplier must give Biocoop's purchasing manager, once a year, an analysis paid by the supplier to check the HMF rate (hydroxymethylfurfural rate). **This analysis will be carried out on the honey which has been put in jars (the analysis report will have to specify this).**

Biocoop will be all the more watchful on the GMOs risks with the pollen suppliers. They must be able to provide their risk analysis plan:

- measures taken to avoid the risks of contamination (area and date of pollen gathering),
- guarantees for the lack of GMO on the pollen : LLQ laboratory : 0.1%.

For Royal Jelly, Biocoop gives preference to products using Royal Jelly producing in France. In case of penury in France of this product, Biocoop give preference to products coming from countries neighbours of France.

2. Consumer information

The products listed by Biocoop will have to specify on their packaging the area of pollen gathering (at least the name of the country). **The phrase « pollen gathering area » will have to be used on the packagings. Concerning the foreign honeys, Biocoop will be entitled to require a certificate of attestation specifying the pollen gathering area .**

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