

**Animal welfare and animal health – policy**

**Why is this an issue for Van Loon Group?**

Animal welfare and animal health are receiving a great deal of attention from society and consumers. Van Loon Group recognises the importance of animal welfare for the company and its stakeholders. Although Van Loon Group does not keep animals itself, as a supply chain manager it does have an influence on animal welfare and animal health across all links in the chain.

**Scope**

The supply chain partners within our own supply chain and the meat raw materials that Van Loon Group purchases under certified animal welfare programmes.

**Our policy**

For pork and beef, Van Loon Group has established its own supply chains that are certified under the Beter Leven Quality Mark or SKAL. We aim to process as much meat as possible from these own supply chains. Together with customers and supply chain partners, we are continuously working to make our supply chains more sustainable, with animal welfare and animal health at the heart of our efforts.

In addition to meat from our own supply chain, Van Loon Group also purchases meat from external suppliers. Our purchasing terms and conditions stipulate that we do not purchase meat from abattoirs where animals are slaughtered without stunning.

**Stakeholders**

Our customers are actively and continuously involved in setting the objectives. We also explicitly take into account the interests of NGOs and industry organisations. Van Loon Group’s livestock coordinators work closely with livestock farmers and other stakeholders to continuously improve and further develop our own pig and cattle supply chains, with a particular focus on animal welfare.

This issue affects not only the animals within our supply chain, but also has an impact on the livestock farmer, the customer and the consumer.

**Monitoring process**

Compliance with animal welfare requirements within the various programmes is assessed by independent bodies. Progress towards the set objectives is reported transparently each year in the CSR annual report.

**External standards**

- ESRS G1 – Business Conduct
- Better Life Quality Mark certification from the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals
- European Organic label
- SKAL certification

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**Material Impacts, Risks and Opportunities**

Meat from certified animal welfare programmes


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