

Animal welfare supply chain policies – Aldi Süd (Germany) and selected Australian supermarket chains

The table below lists animal welfare policies that go beyond industry animal welfare standards.

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Aldi Süd (Germany)	Suppliers have been asked to phase out beak trimming. Processed food items such as pasta or noodles and baked goods can only contain free range, barn laid or organic eggs. Barren battery cages have been banned in the European Union since January 2012.		No wool products that involve mulesing are sold.	No lobster is sold in Aldi stores. Seafood products caught in ways that avoid by-catch or protected animals are preferred. For farmed fish, Aldi expects humane living conditions and no or reduced chemicals and antibiotics.	Aldi expects its suppliers to be proactive in the participation in research projects and the development of joint animal welfare standards. Aldi encourages suppliers to contribute to the development of non-animal research methods and avoid animal experimentation.	No foie gras, no rabbit meat, is sold in Aldi stores. In shoes, leather alternatives are preferred. No products that involve the use of protected species such as crocodiles and snakes. Clear labelling, traceability and transparency in the supply chain (for example, via QR code).
Aldi Australia				Aldi proclaims the principle of sustainability when procuring seafood and fish products. Labelling and traceability commitment.	Aldi does not accept animal testing for any of its products other than where legally required.	
Coles	Since Jan 2014, all Coles brand fresh chicken meat is RSPCA approved. Since Jan 2013 Coles brand eggs are from chickens that are cage-free.	In Jan 2013 Coles announced it had removed sow stall produced pork from its Coles brand product range.		In 2010 Coles removed orange roughy, a threatened species, from all stores. Labelling and traceability commitment.		

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McDonald's Australia	Caged eggs will be phased out across all Australian McDonald's restaurants by the end of 2017.					Mc Donald's Australia notes that animals should be free from cruelty, abuse and neglect. McDonald's uses audits developed by McDonald's Global Animal Welfare Council with the assistance of Dr. Temple Grandin, a leader in innovative animal welfare research and handling practices.
Metcash/IGA*	In September 2014 one IGA supermarket in Warrandyte , Victoria removed all factory-farmed eggs from sale.			By 2015, Metcash will end the sourcing of canned tuna from unsustainable methods, such as FAD (fish aggregating device). All IGA brand canned tuna has been FAD free since September 2013. All Black + Gold brand tuna will be FAD free from September 2015. The supplier does not engage in shark finning activity or fishing of threatened or vulnerable species. Metcash are participating in a multi-		Metcash only use suppliers of pome (apple and pear) fruit who employ industry best practice methods of pest control, thereby avoiding impact on the endangered WA Black Cockatoo.

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				stakeholder process to improve tuna traceability throughout the supply chain.		
Subway Australia **	In September 2014 Subway announced it is working with suppliers to source cage free eggs and hopes to implement the switch to cage free eggs in Australia within 12-18 months.					
Woolworths	RSPCA (or equivalent) standard for all fresh chicken meat sold in stores. Woolworths' own brand where chicken is a defined visible ingredient (i.e. chicken pieces) will also use RSPCA (or equivalent) standard by December 2018. Non-cage produced eggs and use only non-cage produced eggs in the ingredients of own brand products by December 2018.	All of fresh pork meat is sourced from farms that only use stalls for less than 10% of the sows' gestation period.		Woolworths has a commitment to source all seafood from sustainable sources.	No animal testing in Woolworths' own brand products.	

*IGA stores are individually owned and operated. Metcash are the major distributor of groceries to IGA stores. All IGA's across Australia have come together to adopt their first [Sustainability Policy](#).

**Subway has a [worldwide policy](#), but no policy specific to Australia.