

Guidelines for Primary Production Providers: Good Agricultural Practices and Animal Welfare

Grupo Éxito is a company committed to sustainability and therefore it is expected that all its suppliers, including those of primary production, have practices based on compliance with the regulations, treating their employees with dignity, in generating conditions safe work, with respect for the environment and animal welfare, as established in the Supplier Ethics Charter.

Good agricultural practices

Through the Supplier Evaluation Program, the implementation of Good Agricultural Practices is promoted based on Resolution 30021 of 2017 of the Colombian Agricultural Institute and in the case of organic agriculture products, the requirements established in the Resolution 0187 of 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Through the field evaluations carried out on the suppliers in the crops, the following aspects are verified:

Compliance with legal requirement

- Land use certificate
- Required permits for water use
- ICA registration if applicable

Infrastructure:

- Water sources and irrigation equipment
- Sanitary units and personnel hand washing systems
- Agricultural input storage
- Dosage area and mixtures of agricultural inputs
- Discharge area of wastewater
- Storage area for harvested products



- Storage warehouse for packaging and packaging

Controls for product quality and safety management:

- Identification of risks associated with land use and water sources that may affect product safety, productivity, continuity and quality.

Water resources:

- Water resource policies
- Guidelines on the appropriate use and protection of water resources
- Microbiological and physicochemical analyses from water sources carried out at least once a year
- Treatment when analyses do not meet specifications
- If an irrigation system is in place, a plan for the rational use of water must be established that contains verification, maintenance and measures to control losses and leaks within the water distribution networks, and there must be documentary records of its consumption in the productive activity

Pesticides:

- Established procedures for washing containers
- Established procedures for the handling and disposal of pesticide containers

Waste:

- Solid and liquid waste management plans that include waste reduction, pollution (air, soil, water and noise) and recycling.
- Management plans for organic waste resulting from phytosanitary pruning to prevent the spread of pests.

Planting material:

- Compliance with current regulations issued by the ICA

- Packages containing the seeds must comply with the specifications of expiration date, origin, lot, variety, germination rate and responsible company
- Obtaining seedlings from registered plant nurseries
- Authorization of genetically modified propagation material

Traceability:

- Registros documentales de las operaciones del proceso
- Registros que permitan establecer la identidad del producto desde el campo hasta la salida del predio (lote, fecha de vencimiento y de cosecha)
- Documentary records of process operations
- Records that allow the verification of the product's identity from the field to the exit of the property (lot, expiration date and harvest)

Ecological products:

In addition, a specific check must be made in process quality controls such as

- Seed certification
- Fertilizers used in the process
- Harvested product characteristics
- Technical data sheets of applied products
- Product and labeling: laboratory results, labeling and packaging

Genetically Modified Organisms:

Grupo Éxito verifies through field evaluations made to the private brand suppliers, the existence of traceability procedures that evidence the applied controls to raw materials and/or GMO products or that contains GMO, that meet the requirements of quality, safety and applicable legislation. For more information, please review the policy.

Animal Welfare

For Grupo Éxito it is very important to implement animal welfare practices throughout the production chain of animals for human consumption, as established in the Supplier's Ethical Charter.

According to the provisions of Law 1774 of 2016, Resolution 20148 of 2016 and Decree 1500 of 2007, which establish the requirements for the development and implementation of health conditions, biosecurity, use of veterinary drugs and animal feed, it is expected that any supplier with production practices with animals for human consumption, take into consideration the five freedoms of animal welfare and design strategies for their implementation, which are mentioned below:

- Does not suffer from hunger or thirst: supply of water and adequate food according to its needs
- Does not suffer discomfort: proportion of adequate environment, shelter and rest areas.
- Does not suffer from pain, wounds or diseases: adequate prevention, diagnosis and quick treatments.
- Expresses natural behavior or normal patterns of behavior: it is provided with the necessary space, adequate facilities and the company of more animals its species.
- Does not have fear or anguish: the necessary conditions are guaranteed to avoid mental suffering.

Likewise, according to the provisions of Decree 2313 of 2017, the following general principles must be taken into account for the use of veterinary drugs in animal production systems:

- Use only ICA registered veterinary supplies
- Do not use expired veterinary drugs
- Comply with the withdrawal time stated on the product labeling



- All treatments that include antibiotics, antimicrobials, muscle relaxants, special control medications, anesthetics and hormones, must be administered when strictly necessary, according to what is stated in the prescription by a Veterinary Doctor or a Zootechnical Veterinary Doctor with current professional registration.
- Store and apply veterinary drugs and biologicals following the conditions and instructions stated on the product labeling
- Use veterinary products as growth promoters only when the ICA registry expressly authorizes their use.
- The needles must be in good condition guaranteeing animal welfare due to their use.