



European Chicken Commitment

OCS UK adopts the European Chicken Commitment for 100% of the chicken (fresh/frozen/processed) in their entire European supply chain.

This means that by 2026, we will require our suppliers to meet the following requirements for 100% of the [fresh, frozen, and processed] chicken in our supply chain:

1. Comply with all EU animal welfare laws and regulations, regardless of the country of production.
2. Implement a maximum stocking density of 30kg/m² or less. Thinning is discouraged and if practiced must be limited to one thin per flock
3. Adopt breeds that demonstrate higher welfare outcomes: either the following breeds, Hubbard JA757, 787, 957, or 987, Rambler Ranger, Ranger Classic, and Ranger Gold, or others that meet the criteria of the RSPCA Broiler Breed Welfare Assessment Protocol.
4. Meet improved environmental standards including:
 - At least 50 lux of light, including natural light.
 - At least two metres of usable perch space, and two pecking substrates, per 1,000 birds.
 - On air quality, the maximum requirements of Annex 2.3 of the EU broiler directive, regardless of stocking density.
 - No cages or multi-tier systems
5. Adopt controlled atmospheric stunning using inert gas or multi-phase systems, or effective electrical stunning without live inversion.
6. Demonstrate compliance with the above standards via third-party auditing and annual public reporting on progress towards this commitment

Vicky Bond, Managing Director of The Humane League UK, said: "It is truly fantastic to see OCS Group adopting the European Chicken Commitment, proving that animal welfare is an issue of importance on the business agenda. We commend them for doing the right thing for chickens in their supply chain and their clients."

Paul Cowie, Head of Catering at OCS commented "OCS Catering believe that animal welfare is key measurement in our supply chain ensuring we provide great quality and sustainable products to our customers.

I am pleased to sign the European Chicken Commitment and guarantee that by 2026 all chicken in our supply chain will be reared to a higher welfare standard, with the result of better quality and nutritious meat to our customers."

Head of Catering