



PLASTIC POLICY

Dawn Meats is one of Europe's leading producers of fresh and frozen meat products for the Irish, British, European, and Global food markets.

At Dawn Meats, we aim to reduce our impact on the natural world. We're committed to consuming fewer resources and managing these resources responsibly, as outlined in our Environmental Policy. We adopt 'reduce, reuse, recycle' principles across all our waste streams and procurement decisions, where practical.

We acknowledge, however, that our use of plastic requires special consideration. The company is aware of the effect its operations has on the environment and recognises that the type, management and use of plastics are important to minimise environmental impact and to improve the sustainability of the products we produce.

Where possible, we need to reduce volumes of plastic used however we must accept the crucial role it plays in optimising product quality and safety whilst reducing food waste. Furthermore, there is a lack of market-ready alternatives and therefore we expect plastic to remain in the food supply chain for the foreseeable future.

To minimise the environmental impact of our plastic usage, Dawn Meats commits to:

- Set targets to better manage plastic packaging; improve recyclability of plastics; improve recycling rates within our facilities; eliminate problematic plastics and ensure all paper-based plastics are Forest Stewardship Council or equivalent certified.
- Establish a Sustainable Packaging Committee and cross functional working group to develop and implement an overarching packaging strategy and by whose actions will effectively fulfil Dawn Meats' sustainable packaging commitments.
- Research packaging developments. Work with packaging suppliers and customers to develop alternatives that minimise and improve plastic packaging use with due consideration for the environmental footprint.
- Undertake employee waste awareness campaigns encouraging the principles of reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Ensure the availability of the correct recycling collection points continues across all sites.

Dawn Meats is committed to the protection of the environment by continuing to achieve progress in the journey to better manage and reduce plastic consumption from our activities. This policy will be communicated to employees and the public through relevant traditional and digital channels.

Signed:

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