



## LOCAL PRODUCERS POLICY

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# Using Local Producers

## Policy Statement

Foodspeed is committed to supporting national production of fresh dairy and bakery products, and any other manufactured food products entering its supply chain. Equally, the nature of our business means that we purchase a wide variety of goods, from a diverse range of suppliers all over the world, to our mutual benefit.

Subject to customer demand and availability we will seek to support national growers and suppliers by procuring seasonal fresh produce wherever possible. We will also seek to provide an expanding choice of 'Regional' and 'Local' foods for our customers. We will ensure that, through the tendering process, nationally sourced goods are given fair consideration, subject only to legal constraint. Value for money, price competitiveness, quality and sector factors, will necessarily be part of these considerations. We welcome approaches from Regional Food Groups or similar marketing/promotion bodies to seek access to the tender or procurement process for regional and local foods.

Where possible, we aim to procure from local producers/suppliers within a 50-mile radius of our distribution centre in Hayes, Middlesex. This will help us significantly reducing food miles and carbon emissions.

We also actively seek out smaller local companies that can share in an equal opportunity to sell their product to us. We believe this increases choice and that we can therefore promote regional artisan products and unique British brands to our clients.

We actively seek ethical suppliers with good history of sustainability, traceability, animal welfare and environmental provenances. As an example, we have recently started working with The Lakes Free Range Egg Company, a family owned business based in the heart of Cumbria. The Lakes sticks to a simple ethos - to provide the best habitats for their organic and free range hens. Recently, Lakes have designed and built a state of the art egg packing facility that is set to be the UK's first carbon neutral egg packing factory. Their quality is guaranteed by using higher standards than codes of practice require, including Freedom Foods, British Egg Industry Council and British Retail Council. Lakes were the first in the country to guarantee farm of origin for all their eggs and still lead the field today. We aim to work closely with suppliers like Lakes Free Range Egg Company that have similar ethos and values as ourselves.

Other examples of current Producers/Suppliers to Foodspeed Limited that fall within this criterion are:

- Tims Dairy Limited - Yoghurts
- Oasis Foods - Mayonnaise
- Allied Bakeries- Bread
- Cotteswold Dairies Ltd – Organic Milk and Cream
- Orexis Fresh Foods
- Dina Foods Ltd.

We will continue to monitor our relations with local producers and suppliers of goods, services and products to ensure high sustainability value in our supply chain.

This policy will be reviewed at least once every year.

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