



# MCDONALD'S QUALITY ASSURANCE

## MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACT AWARDING

McDonald's requires a set of minimum requirements that must be met as early as the beginning of the supply chain. Beyond legal requirements other aspects have particular importance, linked to the food safety in the production plants, to the animal welfare and to the sustainability of the whole supply chain. More details will follow in the later stages of the award process of the supplies.

### I. BREEDING AND PRODUCTION PLANTS

1. All **MEAT PRODUCTS** (beef, pork and poultry) must originate from authorized McDonald's locations (slaughterhouses, deboning plants and production sites) after they have passed specific food safety and animal welfare audit. The list of the approved slaughterhouses and deboning plants will be provided in case the cooperation with McDonald's had followed.
2. Every supplier **PRODUCTION PLANT** awarded of any kind of supply must reach specific **AUDITING PROGRAMS**, qualitative and social, based on McDonald's schemes and may start production for McDonald's only when these programs have been passed successfully. For the qualitative aspects will be taken into account the existence of GFSI certifications (BRC, IFS, SQF or FSSC 22000).
3. The above audit programs will be carried out by third party auditing firms or McDonald's authorized personnel. The frequency of the audits may vary depending on the kind of supply.

### II. SUSTAINABILITY

1. All **SOY** (and derivative oil) must be used in accordance with the criteria of the moratorium which prohibits sourcing from Amazonian areas, as defined by ABIOVE (Brazilian Association of Vegetable Oil Industries) and ANEC (National Association of Grain Exporters).
2. The McDonald's policy prefers food products that do not involve the use of **PALM OIL**; if the presence of this ingredient was impossible to exclude for strictly technical reasons, it must come exclusively from organizations certified RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) indicated by McDonald's, and within a segregated certified supply circuit.
3. All **COFFEE** must be sourced from companies that are certified for sustainability by independent approved organizations (The Rainforest Alliance, Utz Certified, etc.).
4. All **COCOA** must be certified UTZ.
5. All **FISH SUPPLIES** must originate exclusively from companies that operate according to eco-sustainable practices for the environment and biodiversity, certified MSC (or ASC for aquaculture).

### III. QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Suppliers and growers of **FRUIT AND VEGETABLES** must have Global GAP certification.
2. Suppliers of **POTATO** based products, **BREAD** and **COFFEE** must produce adequate documentation concerning the control and application of **ACRYLAMIDE** risk mitigation procedures (pursuant to the COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/2158 of 20 November 2017), accompanied by chemical analysis specifically carried out on products supplied as processed in McDonald's restaurants according to the procedures established for obtaining the finished products supplied to the final customer.
3. With regard to the colours and flavorings, McDonald's policy requires its suppliers use only natural ones and do not use any preservatives or other additives if not strictly necessary. Anyway is strictly forbidden the use of **COLOUR E120** and **MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE**.
4. Is strictly forbidden to use **GMO** products.
5. Below the references of the temperatures for the **SHELF LIFE STUDIES** required for each kind of product:

FROZEN PRODUCTS: -18 °C  
 CHILLED PRODUCTS: +7 °C  
 AMBIENT TEMPERATURE PRODUCTS: +35 °C

6. The supplier for each product must provide its **NUTRITIONAL VALUES** obtained from analysis carried out on the finished product following the operational procedures established at the restaurant (where applicable) with the timing agreed.
7. In addition to the above, note that each product category may have **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS** of Quality and Food Safety to be met that will be shared in case the collaboration with McDonald's had followed.

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