Policy for Reducing Loss and Waste of Foods

🗘 Goal

Defining corporate alignments in relation to the reducción of loss and waste of foods concerning activities by the different businesses and operations of Grupo Nutresa.

Reach

The Policy for Reducing Loss and Waste of Foods applies to all the companies under Grupo Nutresa in the regions where we work, who must adopt, update, and communicate opportunely.

Definitions

We consider 'lost foods' those that are lost during the stages of harvest, post-harvest, storage, and industrial processing. 'Wasted foods' are those lost during the logistical stage, storage of processed or finished foods, distribution, and commercialization.

We also consider 'lost and wasted foods' those that are made for human consumption but are wasted in the aforementioned stages and for diverse reasons end their cycle in non-human uses like animal feed, bioenergy, compost, and others.

General considerations and Criteria

Grupo Nutresa is committed to sustainability, which we believe is a corporate responsibility that must thrive. We support the identification and integral management of risks and opportunities in economic, social, and environmental areas that are directly related to generating value in the future.

This is why the Organization is looking to reduce the generation of residues and increase productivity, to decrease operational costs and mitigate the environmental impact both in direct operations and in the value chain, through the extension of the materials' life cycle.

Approximately one third of foods produced in the world are never consumed, which brings significant risks to the sustainability of agricultural resources and organizations.

An appropriate procedure for loss and waste of foods is one that utilizes resources, decreases greenhouse gas emissions in the value chain, improves the utilization of water, increases the availability of foods, reduces the impact of the agricultural and livestock sectors, and decreases inequality and hunger.

Grupo Nutresa is committed to decreasing the loss and waste of foods in its supply, processing, and commercialization, thus contributing to decreasing hunger in the regions where we operate, maintaining the standards of quality, and guaranteeing the innocuousness of our foods, keeping in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of Zero Hunger and Responsible Production and Consumption.

To achieve this, Grupo Nutresa is guided by the following criteria:

1) Responsibilities

The CEO of each business is responsible for the management and broadcasting of these policies and their inclusion in their business' or company's strategy. Every one of Grupo Nutresa's collaborators who are part of the value chain are also responsible for applying the general principles of this policy.

2) Supply

We want to develop our providers' skills to include good agricultural and farming practices that will lead to reducing losses during and after the harvest, and during the transportation of raw agricultural materials, as well as our farming suppliers (cattle, pork, and poultry) working with dairy and meat materials.

3) Processing

We aim to maximize the use of raw materials in our operations and minimize product losses; we are also looking for alternatives for human sustenance through innovation and the development of new products.

We are also seeking to promote innovation and alliances that will find new uses for the subproducts that are traditionally not used for human consumption and to learn when it's not technically viable to increase their life cycle. To achieve this, it's necessary to promote a circular economy within the different companies, business, and allies of Grupo Nutresa.

4) Commercialization

We aim to insure good logistical practices, reverse logistics, and the implementation of commercial and marketing strategies that will decrease the waste of products that don't comply with any specifications and are apt for human consumption.

5) Institutional Allies

Through Fundacion Nutresa, Grupo Nutresa is working with food banks and social entities that work with vulnerable populations, and defining nutritional projects in the development process to improve management and logistics for goods, and the implementation of good manufacturing practices, thus decreasing food waste. We are following these projects to ensure the products are safe and of good quality. Also, Fundacion Nutresa is a leader in the identification of allies capable of fulfilling the purpose of our policy in the entire value chain.

6) Implementation, measurement, and monitoring

The Organization is committed to measuring development, establishing goals, and reporting our progress in the reduction of loss and waste of foods concerning the companies and businesses working with Grupo Nutresa. Specific procedures are designed for each company so this policy is implemented.

