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To importers Certified according to Chapter 16 in KRAV's Standards

KRAV's standards concerning social justice

KRAV is a key player in the organic market in Sweden. Focus lies on developing organic standards and promoting the KRAV label.

KRAV is organised as an incorporated association with, at present, 28 members. They represent farmers, processors, trade and also consumers. The base elements in the standards are:

- Good environment
- Animal welfare
- Good health
- Social Responsibility

To be able to obtain the KRAV-label on products that are certified according EU-regulation 834/2007 you need to comply with additional requirements for social justice as this aspect is not covered in the EU-regulation 834/2007 for organic produce.

KRAV-standards say that the whole chain of production including your suppliers and sub-suppliers, shall have a written policy for social justice. Exception is made for the following countries where social justice is regulated in national legislation; European Union or EES-region, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Following four basic conditions must always be complied with:

- No forced or involuntary labour shall be used
- Equal treatment of employees
- Possibility for children employed to participate in fundamental education
- Freedom for employees within organic production to associate, right to organize and to bargain collectively

More specific guidelines for these conditions can be found in the ILO conventions.

You need to have documentation that these extra requirements has been met in the entire chain of production including your suppliers and sub-suppliers.

Please be aware of that this is only a summary of the standard concerning social justice. The full text can be found in chapter 16 and 2 of KRAV-standards: www.krav.se/english

How to comply with these requirements?

First of all implement these requirements in the contracts with all your suppliers and sub-suppliers. Also discuss how to verify that the requirements are met.

**Third-part certification:**

Means that an independent accredited Certification Body performs a certification to a set of Standards.

KRAV has examined different Certification Programs for social justice and a list with accepted certification programs can be found on KRAV's website

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Another possibility is that you ask the Certification Body already performing certification to the organic standards to make an enlargement of the scope and check the social justice issue as well.

Second-part verification:

Means that the importer, a supplier or a subcontracted inspector verifies the compliance with a set of Standards. To be trustworthy there must be a systematic verification, where regular physical inspection is one part. Proper documentation of the four extra requirements is also needed.