



DFC Purchasing Policy

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PURPOSE	To consolidate and document policies and practices in relation to how our Co-op applies our principals to purchasing.

Values in Product Selection

The Dublin Food Co-operative strives to sell only products which are environmentally sound and socially responsible, which support our local community/economy as much as possible, and which meet the needs of our members.

Our principals

- To deal in organically grown food which is Irish-produced where possible
- To discriminate in favour of ecologically acceptable products and not to deal in meat or meat products
- To promote the rational use of the earth's resources and in particular to promote the use of ecologically acceptable packaging
- To discriminate positively in favour of countries which uphold basic human rights, when importing wholefoods
- To supply wholefoods to members at the wholesale or supplier cost plus the minimum margin necessary to cover the Society's operating expenses
- To make shopping a convivial, community experience
- To promote co-operation and (trade with) co-operatives

- To promote consumer food co-operatives as an important means of building a locally integrated organic food economy
- To encourage the use of the Irish language in social and economic relationships and to promote Irish culture where possible

Additional principles related to purchasing

- All products in our shop are GMO Free
- We aim to stock wholefoods only without unwanted additives
- We favour Fairtrade, sustainable, recycled, organic and eco friendly products
- Palm Fat, where used, should be sustainably sourced
- Actively trading with ethical producers and co-operatives
- We strive to minimise packaging and choose to sell ecological packaging as much as possible
- We support our local economy and try to stock locally made items where possible
- We support the independent trade sector

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Environmentally Sound

DFC strives to sell certified organic products only, unless an uncertified, more local product is available.

DFC strives to favour products made in Ireland, with Irish ingredients

DFC strives to source products in Ireland first and Europe second. If items are not available from these regions, we may consider ordering from further afield through our trusted suppliers.

Meeting Members' Needs

DFC exists primarily for the mutual benefit of our members. DFC respects the diverse needs of our members and volunteers and strives to sell products which meet those needs.

Socially Responsible

DFC strives not to purchase goods from suppliers which have significant negative social or economic impacts in their production, transportation or use. Significant negative impacts may include but are not limited to: lack of respect for the rights of workers or communities; failure to fairly compensate workers and/or treat them

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humanely; and negative political, cultural, economic or health effects on producers and/or consumers or on their communities.

Local

DFC strives to sell products which are produced and/or processed locally, particularly when the producer is a local individual or a locally owned entity, and particularly when those products have significant positive environmental and/or social impacts as described above.

Boycott Policy

The Coordinating Body (CB) will consider participating in a boycott when a proposal is made to do so by staff, by a member or group of members. In making its decision, the Board will weigh all available information as for the reasons for and likely effects of the boycott.

Decisions to participate in a boycott will be revisited at reasonable intervals or whenever relevant considerations may have changed.

A boycott on all products from Israel is currently in place.



Chairperson
Date 24th July 2020



Co-operative Secretary
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