

# RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING POLICY

At **SALICA**, we select our suppliers of raw and auxiliary materials on the basis of economic, environmental and social criteria.

We believe this is the only way that we will be able to pursue our business in the future and generate shared value throughout the supply chain.

We are very conscious of the role of our suppliers in attaining this goal and encourage them to use similar criteria in their selection of and relations with their own suppliers. We seek to forge long and stable relations with them based on the principles of trust, respect and transparency, helping the parties involved and our respective connections.

Given that our primary raw material is fish and is a natural resource caught all over the world, we consider it necessary to emphasise the minimum requirements that should govern its purchase and which must hence be adopted by our suppliers, be they fleets or producers.

- Compliance with international fisheries legislation.
- Compliance with the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

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- Compliance with the European code of sustainable and responsible fisheries practices.

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- Compliance with ISSF resolutions, which include:

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- 1 Ban on the practice of shark finning. Shark finning is a practice whereby only the fin of the shark is retained, with the rest of the carcass being thrown back into the sea. This creates uncertainty as to the total biomass and species composition of fished sharks and contravenes international regulations on the management of shark populations. Therefore, we require our suppliers to have a public policy expressly prohibiting shark finning.

- 2 All fish processed and produced by **SALICA** and caught by large seiners comes exclusively from seiners registered in the PVR. (Proactive Vessel Register).

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All fish processed and produced by **SALICA** and caught by longliners comes exclusively from longliners registered in the PVR (Proactive Vessel Register). Large longliners also have a policy for implementing best practices with regard to sharks and sea turtles.

PVR registration ensures the implementation of sustainable fishing practices by vessels that are also audited by independent third parties.

- 3 Full traceability allows us to know the vessel/s, area and date that the fish used in our products was caught, in order to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

- 4 Ban on at-sea transshipments because we consider these to hinder fish traceability and, therefore, to encourage IUU fishing.

- 5 Compliance with ISSF guidelines on FAD use, meaning that we only accept supplies from seiners with a public policy of using non-entangling FADs that comply with the provisions of the ISSF'S Non-Entangling FADs Guide, available via this link:

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- Compliance with the Supplier Code of Conduct:

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Additionally:

- All fisheries that supply fish to us must be included in the lists of establishments authorised to export to the European Union, as the minimum food safety assurance for fish at source.
- We do not work with suppliers who violate human rights and/or do not provide decent working conditions for their staff.

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**EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE**, which ensures that many companies that fish for tuna around the world do so using methods to protect the marine ecosystem that do not harm dolphins.

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**MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL** runs a programme to transform the international markets for sea products by working with its partners, guiding them towards a model that rewards and promotes sustainable and responsible practices.

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**INTERNATIONAL POLE & LINE FOUNDATION**, a non-profit organisation working for the responsible social and environmental development of pole & line fisheries. It achieves this working alongside fisheries, the scientific sector and government.

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**ISSF (International Seafood Sustainability Foundation)**, a global alliance composed of a large team of internationally renowned scientific staff, the tuna-canning industry and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the world's leading conservation organisation. This organisation develops science-based initiatives to ensure the conservation and sustainable long-term use of tuna stocks, reducing bycatch and promoting reasonable marine ecosystems.

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