

Directive

W7.4.50: Guidelines on Migros Bio, Processing and Trading

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Changes:

- Miscellaneous formal adjustments (e.g. organic grazing beef)
- Section 4.2.6. Requirements for aquaculture: EU organic aquaculture products must satisfy new additional Migros criteria. This also applies to products from outside Europe. Until now, only association labels were permitted outside Europe while within Europe, the EU organic regulation was accepted without the new additional criteria. Migros additional criteria: compliance with a social standard (high-risk countries), proof of a permitted stunning method (cold-water fish) and ban on metabisulphite in shrimp.
- Section 4.3.3.3. Declaration: New: if the country of origin is indicated on the product label, the note “* From organic farming” is sufficient. Until now, the note “* = From foreign organic production” or “** = From Swiss organic production” was also required on fruit and vegetables

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1. Objective / purpose

These guidelines govern the requirements for organic food products that are marketed with the Migros Bio label.

The Migros Bio guidelines are subject to the legal provisions in Switzerland for the production, processing and marketing of organic food products.

In addition, Migros has set other requirements that increase the added value of the Migros Bio label. These guidelines describe the additional requirements for Migros Bio products.

Violations of the guidelines are subject to sanctions in accordance with the penalty regulations of the relevant certification body and with Migros' penalty regulations, which apply to all organic food products (products with the Migros Bio label and other organic brands).

- W7.4.50.1: Reporting and Sanction Regulations for Bio Products

The FMC reserves the right to modify these guidelines. All changes will be aligned with applicable practice (organic organizations/associations, organic certification bodies) and will be reviewed and approved by Migros's internal Bio core team.

2. Scope

These guidelines apply to all organic food products, including nutritional supplements, aquaculture and crops and decorative plants for home gardens that are marketed under the Migros Bio label.

The provisions on the quality of agricultural raw materials also apply to products produced outside of Switzerland.

Migros Bio products that are marketed with the additional label of 'Bio Pasture Beef' are also based on these guidelines. Additional specific 'Bio Pasture Beef' guidelines also apply (section 4.2.5).

The following products do not fall within the scope of these guidelines:

- Organic cotton products are governed by the 'Migros Bio Cotton' guidelines.
- Organic products from the home gardening product line are governed by the 'Migros Bio Garden' guidelines.
- Products from partner brand Alnatura meet their own requirements
- Organic products from other brands (e.g. Yogi Tea) that are not marketed under the Migros Bio label may be based on other organic guidelines (e.g. organic associations such as Bio Suisse, Naturland, etc.).

An application must be made with the FMC directorates (Produce, Food, Specialty Stores) for the acceptance of other organic brands.

- 3.4.1.41: Market launch of Migros Bio products by the FMC
- 3.4.1.42: Market launch of Migros Bio products by MC

3. Terms, definitions, abbreviations and measured values

AdR	=	Aus der Region. Für die Region ("From the region. For the region") (Migros label for regional products)
aha!	=	label for the allergy product line (Swiss Allergy Centre)
NA	=	needs area
FDEA	=	Federal Department of Economic Affairs
MC	=	Migros Cooperatives
FMC	=	Federation of Migros Cooperatives
PMS	=	Process Management System
SAS	=	Swiss Accreditation Service
FDHA	=	Ordinance on the maximum residue limits for pesticides in or on products of plant or animal origin
EAER	=	Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research

4. Content

4.1. Basic principle

The FMC owns the Migros Bio label.

The label may be placed only on products that are sold in a Migros supermarket, specialty store, Migros Gastronomy or a partner store (Alnatura organic supermarket, LeShop, Migrolino). Other distribution channels are excluded. As owner of the Migros Bio label, the FMC therefore does not require producer or license agreements for use of the label. However, suppliers conclude an agreement with the FMC (section 4.5).

The co-branding of Migros Bio with M-Check, as well as with Migros brands (e.g. "FTR", YOU), is possible. A co-branding of Migros Bio with a partner label is only possible with M-Check.

Swiss organic products can be labeled with the Migros Bio Switzerland logo. The use of the Migros Bio Switzerland logo is linked to conditions (Section 4.3.3.1.).

The declaration of specific Swiss raw materials is also possible. To this end, the requirements in accordance with "Swissness legislation", which are stated in a Migros manual, apply.

- Standards for packaging design, chapter Swissness

The Migros Bio program is based on the Bio Suisse guidelines, the Federal Organic Farming Ordinance and the EU Eco Regulation (section 4.2).

Separate requirements apply for aquaculture and the 'Bio Pasture Beef' label (sections 4.2.5. and 4.2.6.).

4.1.1. Basic requirements for Migros products

In addition to the requirements for Migros Bio products, basic requirements must be met that apply to all Migros products and suppliers (excluding outside brands, e.g. Heinz Ketchup). These requirements are described in the *General M-Regulations for Food M* and *Requirements for Suppliers of Food Products* directives. The latest versions of the directives always apply.

In Annex 6.1, requirements from these directives are listed that go beyond the organic legislation ('Organic Farming Ordinance', 'EAER Ordinance' and 'EU Eco Regulation').

Control of the basic Migros requirements is not the duty of the organic certification bodies (section 4.6) but rather of third parties. Compliance is coordinated and ensured through internal Migros QA departments.

4.2. Requirements for Migros Bio products

The following provisions form the legal basis of the Migros **Bio guidelines**:

- Ordinance on Organic Farming and the Labelling of Organically Produced Products and Foodstuffs of September 22, 1997 (SR 910.18)
- EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming of September 22, 1997 (SR 910.181)
- European Council Regulation (EC) no. 834/2007 of June 28, 2007 on organic production and labeling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No. 2092/91

In this document, the ordinances and the EU regulation are referred to as the 'Organic Farming Ordinance', 'EAER Ordinance' and 'EU Eco Regulation', respectively. The current version applies in each case.

Before a supplier (last supplier in the supply chain) may deliver Migros Bio products, it must first sign a Migros Bio agreement with the FMC. Under this agreement, the supplier is obliged to adhere to these guidelines.

Prior to introduction in the market, a product certification in accordance with Migros Bio is required (section 4.5).

4.2.1. Requirements for Swiss agricultural production

Organic agricultural products from Switzerland must come from farms that are certified in accordance with the current Bio Suisse guidelines. They may come from Swiss farms that are in the process of conversion and must be labeled accordingly (section 4.3.3.1.).

4.2.2. Requirements for non-Swiss agricultural production

Non-Swiss organic agricultural products must, as a minimum, be produced in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the EU Eco Regulation. They may not originate from farms in the process of converting to organic production.

4.2.3. Requirements on processing in Switzerland

Organic and semi-finished products produced in Switzerland must meet the current guidelines of the Organic Farming Ordinance and the EAER Ordinance.

- Ingredients from Swiss agricultural production must originate from Bio Suisse certified farms. They may come from farms in the process of conversion and must be labeled accordingly (Migros Bio packaging manual).
- Ingredients from non-Swiss agricultural production must, as a minimum, be produced in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the EU Eco Regulation. They may not originate from farms in the process of converting to organic production.

4.2.4. Requirements on processing in foreign countries

Organic and semi-finished products produced in foreign countries must, as a minimum, meet the current guidelines laid down in the EU Eco Regulation. Agricultural ingredients may not originate from farms in the process of converting to organic production.

4.2.5. Requirements for the Bio Pasture Beef label

'Bio Pasture Beef' farms must be certified in accordance with the Bio Suisse guidelines. Label-specific production requirements also apply.

'Bio Pasture Beef' products are labeled with its own logo. Details are set out in the guidelines for 'Bio Pasture Beef'.

- Directive W7.7.1: Guidelines for Bio Pasture Beef

4.2.6. Requirements for aquaculture

Migros accepts the following organic guidelines:

- Guidelines for Bio Suisse, Naturland, Bioland, the Soil Association, the Organic Food Federation, Bio Gro and Debio¹
- The provisions of the EU Eco Regulation are accepted with the following additional requirements:
 - Farming and processing stage (farms): the minimum social requirements as per the amfori BSCI Code of Conduct are checked in high-risk countries² by means of a social audit. Social standards equivalent to amfori BSCI are recognised according to the situation³.
 - The use of metabisulphite in shrimp is prohibited (harvest and processing)⁴.
 - A blow to the head and/or electrical stunning must be used as the stunning method for cold-water fish⁵.

Requirements from the issuers of other organic guidelines may be adopted in the Migros Bio guidelines following a thorough review by experts from the Environment & Sustainability Label department.

¹ Selection based on the recommended Bio label in accordance with the WWF Seafood Group

² High-risk countries (category 3) in accordance with Social Compliance Directive (W7.9.1)

³ Equivalent audit reports in accordance with the "Social Standards Acceptance Report".

⁴ Implementation see Annex Section 6

⁵ Implementation see Annex Section 6

4.2.7. Requirements for Migros Bio eggs

Migros eggs must be produced in accordance with the General Requirements for Eggs in Migros as well as the Specific Requirements for Migros Bio Eggs. Both are set out in the following directive:

- W7.4.10 Quality Assurance Requirement for Eggs

4.3. Specific requirements for Migros Bio products

Migros Bio products are fundamentally based on the principle of integrity. Food products must be processed with care. The use of food additives and processing aids must be kept to a minimum.

In order to ensure that all ingredients that according to the Organic Farming Ordinance may originate from a non-organic source (e.g. additives and processing aids) are free of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), the supplier (last supplier in the value-added chain) must sign the Infoxgen declaration of⁶ compliance.

- Declaration of compliance with the “prohibition of genetically modified organisms” pursuant to the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 as amended (form can be downloaded from www.infoxgen.com)

The guidelines in Section 4.2 serve as a basis. Additional requirements are listed in this section. The Migros Bio requirements are inspected during product certification by the accredited inspection or certification body (section 4.5).

4.3.1. Specific production processes

4.3.1.1. UHT milk

A specific process has not been determined.

Migros Bio UHT milk must contain at least 500 mg/l of β -Lactoglobulin. The reference homogenization pressure is 180 bar, maximum 200 bar.

4.3.1.2. yeast

Baker's yeast, marketed as such, must be certified according to Bio Suisse guidelines.

4.3.2. Origin

Depending on the origin of the raw materials, use of different logo variants is possible (section 4.3.3.1.).

⁶ For individual components as well as additives and processing aids, warranty declarations with non-GMO production in accordance with the EU Bio Regulation must be submitted. The warranty declaration also conforms to the Swiss Organic Farming Ordinance.

4.3.2.1. Transportation

The transport of organic products or raw materials should be kept to a minimum and the most direct route possible should be selected. The preferred means of transportation for Migros Bio products are train or ship. Road transport is tolerated.

Air transport of Migros Bio products as well as their ingredients (raw materials, semi-finished products) is generally forbidden. Exceptions are possible only with the written consent of the FMC Environment & Sustainability Label department. A written request should be sent to Labels@mgb.ch.

4.3.3. Packaging requirements

Packaging requirements are set out in the *M-Packaging Guidelines, the Swissness Standards for packaging design* and the *Migros Bio packaging manual*.

The *Migros Bio packaging manual* also lists the use of the Migros Bio, Migros Bio Switzerland and Migros Bio Conversion logos as well as the EU organic logos and options for co-branding with Migros Bio and other labels.

The options for combining logos and the declarations are described in the *Migros Bio packaging manual* and *M-Check Design Manual*.

Additional label manuals are available for Produce needs areas (NA02-06). The current version always applies.

- W7.4.1: General M-Regulations for Food
- Swissness Standards for packaging design
- Migros Bio packaging manual
- M-Packaging Guidelines

All Migros Bio packaging is verified and approved with respect to the statutory organic requirements and correct logo application (Section 4.3.3.1.) - reviewed and approved by the FMC's Environment & Sustainability Label department in the FMC (Labels@mgb.ch) and by the competent certification body in Switzerland (section 4.6.) (Ready-to-Print)⁷.

Other guidelines, such as for layout or nutritional values, are verified and approved by other bodies.

4.3.3.1. Migros Bio logo applications

Depending on the origin and quality of the raw materials and their proportion in the product, different logo options are possible. In particular, the following criteria are taken into account:

1. Quality of the raw materials (organic or conversion)
2. Origin of the raw materials and their proportion in the product

⁷ The PAS Media tool is used to approve packaging designs.





As a rule, the declaration of Swissness added value is voluntary. However, conditions apply to the labeling of Swiss origin. “Swissness legislation” as well specific requirements for the Migros Bio Switzerland logo must be observed (Table 1).

- Swissness Standards for packaging design
- Migros Bio packaging manual

The correct application of the Migros Bio logo is governed in Table 1, which notes the requirements applicable to each logo variant.

‘Bio Pasture Beef’ products are labeled with its own logo. Details are set out in the guidelines for Bio Pasture Beef (section 4.2.5).

Table 1: Migros Bio logo applications

Raw material criteria 1. Quality 2. Origin & proportion in product B & D case If declaration with two logo variants is permissible, FCM Marketing or MC decides which Migros Bio logo is to be used.			Logo variants			
						
Application criterion for packaging	A	1. Organic raw materials 2. More than 10% non-Swiss raw materials	permissible	not permissible	not permissible	not permissible
	B	1. Organic raw materials 2. At least 90% Swiss raw materials For mono-products, 100% Swiss origin applies.	permissible	permissible	not permissible	not permissible
	C	1. Conversion raw materials 2. More than 10% non-Swiss raw materials	not permissible	not permissible	permissible	not permissible
	E	3. Conversion raw materials 4. At least 90% Swiss raw materials For mono-products, 100% Swiss origin applies	not permissible	not permissible	permissible	permissible

4.3.3.2. Packaging materials

Packaging materials for Migros Bio products should be chosen so as to consume a minimum amount of resources. Recyclable materials are preferred. The directive Environmental Requirements for Packaging serves as a guide for Migros packaging.

- W 7.4.41: Environmental Requirements for Packaging

Packaging with aluminum is generally prohibited for Migros Bio products. Exceptions are possible only with the written consent of the FMC Environment & Sustainability Label department. A written request should be sent to Labels@mgb.ch.

4.3.3.3. Declaration

The declaration must conform to the *General M-Regulations for Food*. In addition, the requirements of the *Migros Bio packaging manual* must be considered. This states that each organic ingredient must be listed with a single asterisk for non-Swiss origin or with two asterisks for Swiss origin. The following legend must be included on the packaging:

- * = Aus ausländischer Bio-Produktion (From non-Swiss organic production)
De production biologique étrangère
Di produzione biologica straniera
- ** = Aus Schweizer Bio-Produktion (From Swiss organic production)
De production biologique suisse
Di produzione biologica svizzera

As an exception to this obligation, if the country of origin is indicated on the product label, the note “* From organic farming” is sufficient.

- W7.4.1: General M-Regulations for Food
- Migros Bio packaging manual

4.4. Overview of requirements and guidelines for Migros Bio products

Table 2 gives an overview of the requirements and guidelines for Migros Bio products, as set out in Chapters 4.2 and 4.3.

Table 2: Overview of Migros Bio requirements and specifications

Raw materials / animal rearing	Origin	Agricul. Production requirements	Processing requirements
Agricultural raw materials	Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio Suisse guidelines • Farms in conversion allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic Farming Ordinance and EAER Ordinance + No aluminum packaging
Agricultural raw materials	Abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Eco Regulation + Farms in conversion not allowed + no transport by air 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Eco Regulation + No aluminum packaging + No air transport
Aquaculture	Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio Suisse guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic Farming Ordinance and EAER Ordinance + No aluminum packaging
Aquaculture	foreign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for Naturland, Bioland, the Soil Association, the Organic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Eco Regulation + No aluminum packaging + No air transport

		Food Federation and Bio Gro + No air transport or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Eco Regulation + Compliance with a social standard (high-risk countries) + permitted stunning methods (cold-water fish) + Ban on metabisulphite in shrimp + No air transport	
'Bio Pasture Beef' (program only for Swiss origin)	Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bio Suisse guidelines + Production requirements for Bio Pasture Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organic Farming Ordinance and EAER Ordinance + No aluminum packaging
Migros Bio eggs	Switzerland / abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements as set out in Directive W7.4.10 Quality Assurance Requirement for Eggs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements as set out in Directive W7.4.10 Quality Assurance Requirement for Eggs

4.5. Product certification for Migros Bio

The legislation requires organic products to be certified prior to being launched on the market.

The certification body of the supplier is responsible for assessing new Migros Bio products and/or modifications to the formulation of existing products. For the examination of Migros Bio products in Switzerland, the organic certification bodies listed in Section 4.6.1 are approved.

If a Migros Bio product is imported directly by the FMC from another country (direct import), product certification is undertaken in Switzerland for Migros Bio by the certification body bio.inspecta AG (detailed procedure available from Labels@mgb.ch).

The product certificate with the reference to Migros Bio is recognized by the FMC as a product approval. A separate evaluation by FMC as labeler is not conducted.

The cost of product certification is borne by the supplier. Product certification is part of the market introduction process, which is outlined in the following documents:

- 3.4.1.41: Market launch of Migros Bio products by the FMC
- 3.4.1.42: Market launch of Migros Bio products by MC

The Migros supplier (last supplier in the value-added chain) must also sign the Migros Bio agreement for the processing or supplying of Migros Bio products. This sets out the rights and obligations of the supplier and the FMC.

- W7.4.51: Agreement on Migros Bio Processing and Trading

4.5.1. Direct acceptance of the Migros Bio label

Farms that are certified by Bio Suisse and directly supply the MC with products (e.g. fruits, vegetables, herbs, mixed salads) are only required to sign the Migros Bio agreement. Additional product certification for the Migros Bio label is not necessary.

4.6. Verification of certification

4.6.1. For final packaging in Switzerland

All Migros Bio products must be examined and certified by an independent organization approved by the Swiss Accreditation Service (SAS).

In Switzerland, bio.inspecta AG in Frick, Ecocert IMOSwiss AG in Kreuzlingen, ProCert AG in Berne and Bio Test Agro (BTA) in Münsingen, canton of Bern (the latter authorisation is limited to the small business sector) are approved for the certification of Migros Bio products.

4.6.2. For final packaging outside Switzerland

For foreign countries, the list of organic certification bodies in the EU Eco Regulation applies. Organizations or countries with bilateral agreements or individual approval from the federal government are also accepted.

- List of EU control bodies and authorities with code number(s)
- Annex 4 of the FDEA Ordinance on Organic Farming

4.7. Penalties

Penalties will be imposed if the legal requirements or Migros Bio guidelines are not adhered to.

Depending on the type of non-compliance, penalties range from a reprimand up to removal from the program.

Penalties in respect of violations will be imposed in accordance with the penalty regulations of the certification body, of Bio Suisse and of Migros for organic food products.

- W7.4.50.1: Reporting and Sanction Regulations for Bio Products

5. Further applicable documents

All of the further applicable documents related to the Migros Bio guidelines are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Overview of the further applicable documents

Document	Where to find	E	F	N	D
Migros directives/procedures					
3.4.1.41: Market launch of Migros Bio products by the FMC	PMS	✓	✓	✓	
3.4.1.42: Market launch of Migros Bio products by MC	PMS	✓	✓	✓	
W7.4.51: Agreement on Migros Bio Processing and Trading	SupplierNet	✓	✓	✓	✓
W7.4.50.1: Reporting and Sanction Regulations for Bio Products	Website	✓	✓	✓	✓

W7.7.1: Guidelines for Bio Pasture Beef	Website	✓	✓		
W7.4.1: General M-Regulations for Food – directive	SupplierNet	✓	✓	✓	✓
W7.4.20: Food Packaging – directive	SupplierNet	✓	✓	✓	✓
W7.3.2: Food Self-Inspection	PMS	✓			
W7.3.31: Internationally-Compliant Procurement	PMS	✓	✓		
W 7.5.1 Requirements on Suppliers of Foods	SupplierNet	✓	✓	✓	✓
W 7.4.41: Environmental Requirements for Packaging (directive)	SupplierNet	✓	✓	✓	✓
W7.4.10: Quality Assurance Requirement for Eggs (directive)	SupplierNet	✓	✓		✓
W7.9.1 Social Compliance	SupplierNet	✓	✓		✓
Social Standards Acceptance Report (Social Standards working document)	internal				✓
M-Check Design Manual	intranet (.M)	✓	✓		
Migros Bio packaging manual	intranet (.M)	✓	✓		
Swissness Standards for packaging design	SupplierNet	✓	✓	✓	
M-Packaging Guidelines	SupplierNet	✓	✓		
Migros basic requirements					
amfori BSCI	Website				✓
RSPO segregated	Website				✓
GFSI	Website				✓
GlobalGAP / SwissGAP	Website	✓	✓	✓	✓
External directives/documents					
Bio Suisse guidelines	Website	✓	✓	✓	
Assessment of pesticide residues in bud products – decision matrix for food (Bio Suisse)	Website	✓	✓		
Bio Suisse penalty regulations	Website	✓	✓	✓	
Organic Farming Ordinance	Website	✓	✓	✓	
EAER ordinance	Website	✓	✓	✓	
FOAG directive governing reporting obligations	Website	✓	✓	✓	
FOAG directive governing the procedures relating to residues in the organics sector	Website	✓	✓	✓	
FDEA Ordinance on Organic Farming	Website	✓	✓	✓	
Document	Other	E	F	N	D
FDHA directive on the maximum residue limits for pesticides in or on products of plant or animal origin (PestRO):	Website	✓	✓	✓	
EU Eco Regulation	Website	✓	✓	✓	✓
List of control bodies and control authorities in the organic sector	Website				✓
Naturland guidelines (aquaculture)	Website	✓			✓
Bioland guidelines (aquaculture)	Website	✓		✓	✓
Soil Association guidelines (aquaculture)	Website				✓
Organic Food Federation (aquaculture)	Website				✓
BioGro (aquaculture)	Website				✓
Infoxgen declaration of compliance	Website	✓	✓		✓

6. Annex

6.1. Basic requirements for Migros products

Basic requirements for Migros products that go beyond the organic laws ('Organic Farming Ordinance', 'EAER Ordinance' and 'EU Eco Regulation').

- ▶ **General M-Regulations for Food (directive W7.4.1):**
- ▶ **Food Packaging (directive W7.4.20)**
- ▶ **Requirements on Suppliers for Foods (directive W7.5.1)**

Packaging requirements:

- **In principle**, PVC/PVDC packaging is not permitted to be used for food. Exceptions include:
 - PVC seals in lids of glass containers
 - If other packaging materials could reduce the shelf life (e.g. as soon as an appropriate alternative becomes available, this food-compatible packaging must generally be used.

- Directive W7.4.20: Food Packaging

Environmental requirements:

- **Palm** oil must come from sustainable production. As a rule, Migros requires that all palm oil and palm stearin and palm seed oil comes from sustainable production, i.e. is at least certified as RSPO segregated. The certificate must be furnished. See also www.rspo.org.

- Directive W7.4.1: General M-Regulations for Food

- **GlobalGAP / SwissGAP**
In principle, fresh fruits, vegetables, potatoes, flowers and plants must be obtained from GlobalGAP or SwissGAP certified suppliers. Equivalent systems are also recognized.

- Directive W7.5.1: Requirements on Suppliers for Foods

Social standards requirements:

- **amfori BSCI**
Amfori BSCI is a leading initiative for improving working conditions in factories and farms in global supply chains. The social standards requirements are described in the amfori BSCI Code of Conduct.
 - Directive W7.5.1: Requirements on Suppliers for Foods
 - SupplierNet

- **GLOBALG.A.P. GRASP**

GRASP is an add-on module for GlobalGAP for the evaluation of social practices in agricultural operations. Migros requires that producers from specific countries implement GRASP. This affects fruit and vegetables.

- Directive W7.5.1: Requirements on Suppliers for Foods
- SupplierNet

Product safety requirements:

- **GFSI** (Global Food Safety Initiative)
The Global Food Safety Initiative is a business-driven initiative for the continuous improvement of food safety management systems to ensure confidence in the delivery of safe food to consumers worldwide.
- Directive W7.5.1: Requirements on Suppliers for Foods

Indication of origin requirements

- Products must not be procured from occupied regions as defined in international law. For further information on this topic, please see Directive W7.3.31

Additive requirements:

- Additives not allowed in food according to **Migros directives** that go beyond the requirements of the "Organic Farming Ordinance", "EAER Ordinance" and "EU Eco Regulation" (Table 4).

Table 4: Banned and restricted-use additives

E-number / name	Not allowed for the following product groups
E 170 calcium carbonate	Meat / fish o edible sausage casings o smoked fish o cooked crustaceans Milk / milk products o curdled milk, i.e. Milk, yogurt, kefir, buttermilk
E 252 potassium nitrate	Meat / fish o meat products with a maturing time of < 4 weeks
E 406 agar-agar	Meat products to be eaten raw, traditional cured products such as ham in accordance with interpretation guide no. 19, sausage products
E 410 locust bean gum	Meat products to be eaten raw, traditional cured products such as ham in accordance with interpretation guide no. 19, sausage products
E 412 guar gum	Meat products to be eaten raw, traditional cured products such as ham in accordance with interpretation guide no. 19, sausage products
E 414 Gummiarabicum	Meat products to be eaten raw, traditional cured products such as ham in accordance with interpretation guide no. 19, sausage products
E 415 xanthan gum	Meat products to be eaten raw, traditional cured products such as ham in accordance with interpretation guide no. 19, sausage products

- Directive W7.4.1: General M-Regulations for Food

Requirements relating to aquaculture (in addition to section 4.2.6 of the directive)

- **Ban on metabisulphite in shrimp:**

Within the framework of the due diligence process, the Migros supplier ensures that this substance is not used anywhere in the entire value-added chain. Conformity is also guaranteed by means of analytics. The organic control checks and evaluates the relevant QM measures, including the analysis results.

- **Stunning procedure:**

The Migros "Fish score competence centre" guarantees compliance with this provision by means of periodic on-site audits or via ICT and prepares corresponding reports containing a clear conclusion as to whether or not there is compliance with the provision. Migros presents the corresponding organic control audit reports.