Raw Milk Procurement Guideline

The Meiji Group are working on procurement of raw milk according to Meiji Group Procurement Policy, cooperating with the suppliers to engage in socially responsible activities which include human rights, environment and animal welfare.

Scope of Application

Raw milk used in the production of consumer-use and industrial-use dairy products

Principles for Action

1. We comply with the laws and regulations of raw milk-producing countries and regions, and procure raw milk produced via appropriate procedures.

2. We contribute improvement in operating efficiency and managerial skill of the producers and engage in sustainable procurement of raw milk, in accordance with Meiji Group’s own producer management support activity and in cooperation with such producers.

3. We believe that dairy cattle nurturing management conscious of “Five Freedoms” which are the guidelines regarding animal welfare, is both ethical and also applies to methods aimed at contributing to the development of the dairy industry. We promote combined business initiatives in cooperation with the relevant parties. That is to say, we make effort to contribute to feeding management, rearing healthy cattle, hygienic operations and operating environments.

4. We ensure that the suppliers know about this guideline, and take actions as deemed necessary if we suspect such suppliers of non-compliance.

5. We publish an annual report on our raw milk procurement activities.

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