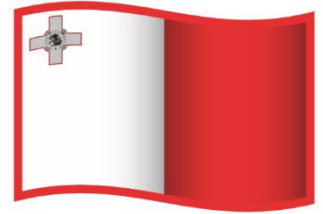


Position Paper on the Responsible Sourcing of Plants and Flowers





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1. Our Vision

“Our everyday actions are shaped by a sense of responsibility from an economic, social and environmental viewpoint.”

With this corporate principle, Lidl Malta expresses its own responsibility toward man and nature.

Lidl sets out rigorous criteria for sourcing plants and flowers in order to make cultivation safer and more sustainable for people and for the environment. In this way, Lidl intends to encourage its business partners along the supply chain to set high standards.

2. Our Position

Lidl Malta intends to exercise its influence to promote responsible sourcing of plants and flowers, thereby contributing to a definite change in the market.

In Europe, most plants and flowers come from the Netherlands and Italy. Outside Europe, equatorial countries, such as Kenya, Colombia, Ethiopia and Ecuador, are important producers; thanks to their altitude and local climate, they have ideal growing conditions all year round. In some cases, there is a possibility that improper use of phytosanitary products leads to health risks for workers on plantations, especially in countries where safety measures in this area are not common.

Lidl is committed to ensuring that growers can grow plants in a healthy environment, where decent social and working conditions are observed. Furthermore, together with its business partners, Lidl intends to bring itself in line with internationally recognized standards and apply the respective practices.

Sustainability principles fall within Lidl Malta’s long-term vision, summarized by the motto “A better tomorrow.” Under this motto, the company supports the principles of sustainability, which is understood as protecting today’s resources for a brighter tomorrow.



Lidl sets itself the goal of improving conditions in the sector in three areas:

SOCIAL:

- Improving living and working conditions for growers
- Preventing discrimination against growers

ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Slowing down the process of climate change and reducing its consequences
- Preventing Reducing the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers to a minimum with integrated plant protection, which involves the joint and rational use of agronomic, physical, biological and biotechnical means and crop rotation, only resorting to chemicals when other methods do not allow effective pest control
- Reducing the use of water and other resources in plant and flower cultivation
- Preserving biodiversity and protecting bees and other pollinating insects

ECONOMIC:

- Satisfying the needs of the market and acting in a responsible way at the same time
- Preventing plants and flowers from compromising land cultivated by other raw materials, such as cereals

In facing this challenge, Lidl hopes for a joint commitment from all national and international players in the sector.

2.1 Scope

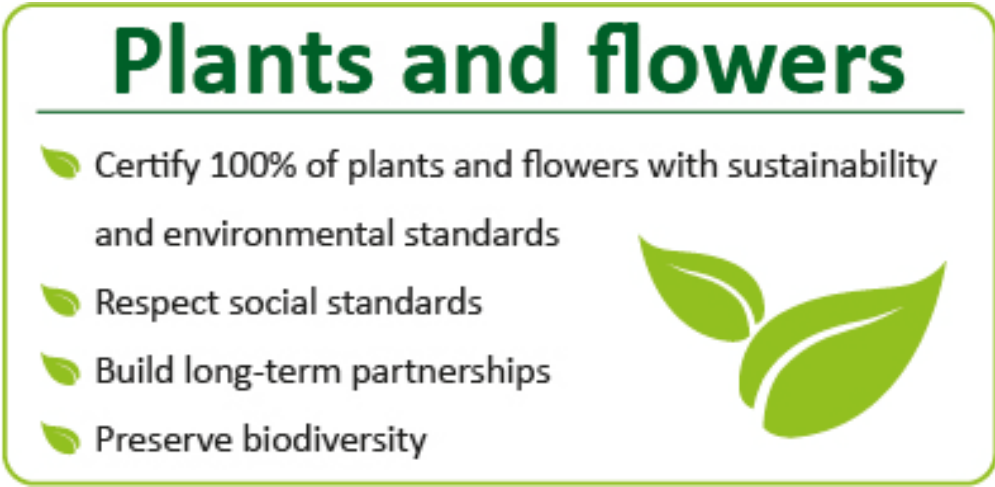
This position paper is transparent and is freely available to the public. It applies to all flowers (including cut flowers) and plants that Lidl offers to its customers. It is periodically updated and is binding both within and outside the company. All suppliers that already trade with Lidl are required to comply with the guidelines it contains.



It is Lidl Malta’s intention to continue developing this position paper, enhancing it with new goals. To this end, Lidl, together with its suppliers, will monitor progress achieved, developing and setting up, if necessary, new mandatory measures to be adopted. If we find we are moving away from our objectives, we will have to prescribe corrective actions.


3. Our Goal

In practical terms, our goal can be broken down into the following points:



Plants and flowers

- ✔ Certify 100% of plants and flowers with sustainability and environmental standards
- ✔ Respect social standards
- ✔ Build long-term partnerships
- ✔ Preserve biodiversity



3.1 Certification and Standards for a Transparent and Traceable Supply Chain

By the end of 2019, Lidl will require GLOBALG.A.P. certification and GRASP assessment (GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice) from all of its plant and flower producers.

Internationally recognized environmental and sustainability standards ensure sustainable cultivation of plants and flowers.

About 85% of plants and flowers sold by Lidl are certified by GLOBALG.A.P., Fairtrade or MPS (Milieu Project Sierteel). By the end of 2019, the entire Lidl assortment of plants and flowers will be certified by GLOBALG.A.P. or will comply with other standards recognized by the latter.

As regards social standards, Lidl only selects suppliers that sign up to the GLOBALG.A.P. GRASP (Risk Assessment on Social Practice) module or other recognized social certification.



To ensure traceability and transparency in the supply chain, all plants and flowers supplied to Lidl are labelled with the unique identification number (GGN – GLOBALG.A.P. number) of the producer or the association of producers in question.

**100% of products
certified
by the end of 2019**

3.2 Social Standards

Lidl considers the application of minimum social standards in relationships with its business partners as fundamental. By signing a contract, suppliers agree to implement the Lidl Code of Conduct which is based on International Labour Organization (ILO) standards, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights or other supranational directives, and the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) Code of Conduct.

The Lidl Group is in fact a member of the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) and, on this basis, it has developed its own Code of Conduct which aims to raise minimum social standards among its business partners in several countries. As a matter of principle, Lidl rejects any kind of child labor abuses or violations of human rights in the process of producing its products. It actively promotes and supports aspects that go beyond regulatory requirements, for example, for its own-brand products, it prefers raw materials sourced from cultivation that is certified as sustainable by third-party organizations.

3.3 Long-term Partnerships

Lidl builds long-term business relationships with its suppliers and business partners. In the Lidl Code of Conduct, the fundamental conditions of the partnership are defined. For example, suppliers are invited to regularly visit growers and to work with them to encourage mutual dialog with a view to continuous improvement.

In order to ensure compliance with these requirements, regular monitoring and random checks are carried out. Furthermore, Lidl has a preference for suppliers that are already developing sustainability initiatives.

3.4 Protection of Bees and Biodiversity

Bees and insects are essential to Earth's ecosystems. According to a recent study, in 2017, the number of insects fell by 75% compared with twenty years ago, with serious consequences for the pollination of plants and flowers. Insects are important for two reasons: they are pollinators of plants and they are prey for birds. The Lidl Group also promotes biodiversity by offering an assortment of plants cultivated according to methods that respect bee life and favor, where possible, natural compensation initiatives.

For example, since 2017, Lidl suppliers have created over two million square meters (500 acres) of flower borders to attract pollinating insects.



Strategic List of Active Substances for Flowers and Ornamentals

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Status: 02.07.2024

	Substance name	CAS-number	deadline
0-9	2,4,5-T and their salts and esters	93-76-5	already implemented
	2,6-Dinitro-4-octylphenyl crotonate	875690-85-0	already implemented
A	Acephate	30560-19-1	already implemented
	Acrinathrin	101007-06-1	latest by 01.03.2025
	Acrolein	107-02-8	already implemented
	Alachlor	15972-60-8	already implemented
	Aldicarb	116-06-3	already implemented
	Aldrin	309-00-2	already implemented
	Allyl alcohol	107-18-6	already implemented
	Alpha-chlorohydrin (3-Chlor-1,2-propandiol)	96-24-2	already implemented
	Aluminium phosphide	20859-73-8	latest by 01.03.2025
	Amitraz	33089-61-1	already implemented
	Amoxicillin	26787-78-0	already implemented
	Aroclor	CONTAMINANT	already implemented
	Arsenic and its compounds	-/-	already implemented
	Asbestos of all forms	1332-21-4	already implemented
	Atrazine	1912-24-9	already implemented
	Azinphos-ethyl	2642-71-9	already implemented
	Azinphos-methyl	86-50-0	already implemented
Azocyclotin	41083-11-8	already implemented	

B	Benomyl	17804-35-2	already implemented
	Bensultap	17606-31-4	already implemented
	Binapacryl	485-31-4	already implemented
	Bisbutenylentetrahydrofurfural; Dibutylene tetrafurfural, Repellent-11	126-15-8	already implemented
	Blasticidin-S	2079-00-7	already implemented
	Brodifacoum	56073-10-0	already implemented
	Bromadiolone	28772-56-7	already implemented
	Bromethalin	63333-35-7	already implemented
	Bromoxynil incl. its esters and salts	1689-84-5	already implemented
	Bupirimate	41483-43-6	latest by 01.03.2025
	Butocarboxim	34681-10-2	already implemented
	Butoxycarboxim	34681-23-7	already implemented
C	Butylate	2008-41-5	already implemented
	Cadmium and its compounds	-/-	already implemented
	Cadusafos	95465-99-9	already implemented
	Calcium arsenate	7778-44-1	already implemented
	Calcium cyanide	592-01-8	already implemented
	Camphechlor / Toxaphen	8001-35-2	already implemented
	Captafol	2425-06-1	already implemented
	Carbaryl	63-25-2	already implemented
	Carbendazim	10605-21-7	latest by 01.03.2025
	Carbofuran	1563-66-2	already implemented
	Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5	already implemented
Carbosulfan	55285-14-8	already implemented	

Cartap	15263-53-3	already implemented
Cetrimonium chloride	112-02-7	latest by 01.03.2025
Chinomethionat	2439-01-2	already implemented
Chloranil	118-75-2	already implemented
Chlorobenzilate	510-15-6	already implemented
Chlordane	57-74-9	already implemented
Chlordecone	143-50-0	already implemented
Chlordimeform	6164-98-3	already implemented
Chlorethoxyphos	54593-83-8	already implemented
Chlorfenvinphos	470-90-6	already implemented
Chlormephos	24934-91-6	already implemented
Chloromethoxypropylmercuric acetate	1319-86-4	already implemented
Chlorophacinone	3691-35-8	already implemented
Chlorpyrifos (-ethyl)	2921-88-2	already implemented
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	5598-13-0	already implemented
Chlorothalonil	1897-45-6	latest by 01.03.2025
Chlozolate	84332-86-5	already implemented
Clothianidin	210880-92-5	already implemented
Coumaphos	56-72-4	already implemented
Coumatetralyl	5836-29-3	already implemented
Cyfluthrin	68359-37-5	already implemented
Cyhalothrin	68085-85-8	already implemented
D Dibromochloropropane (DBCP, 1,2-Dibrom-3- chlorpropan)	96-12-8	already implemented
DDT	50-29-3	already implemented

	Deltamethrin	52918-63-5	already implemented
	Demeton-S-methyl	919-86-8	already implemented
	Diafenthiuron	80060-09-9	latest by 01.03.2025
	Diazinon	333-41-5	already implemented
	Dichlorvos	62-73-7	already implemented
	Dicofol	115-32-2	already implemented
	Dicrotophos	141-66-2	already implemented
	Dieldrin	60-57-1	already implemented
	Difenacoum	56073-07-5	already implemented
	Difethialone	104653-34-1	already implemented
	Dimoxystrobin	149961-52-4	latest by 01.03.2025
	Dinocap	39300-45-3	already implemented
	Dinocap 6 (2,4-Dinitro-6-octylphenylcrotonat)	875695-92-4	already implemented
	Dinoseb, incl. Dinoseb acetate and other salts	88-85-7	already implemented
	Dinotefuran	165252-70-0	already implemented
	Dinoterb	1420-07-1	already implemented
	Diphacinone	82-66-6	already implemented
	Bis(phenylmercury)dodecenylsuccinate (Di(phenylmercury)dodecenylsuccinate)	27236-65-3	already implemented
	Disulfoton	298-04-4	already implemented
	DNOC compounds	534-52-1	already implemented
E	Edifenphos	17109-49-8	already implemented
	Endosulfan	115-29-7	already implemented
	Endrin	72-20-8	already implemented
	EPN	2104-64-5	already implemented

	Ethiofencarb	29973-13-5	already implemented
	Ethion	563-12-2	already implemented
	Ethirimol	23947-60-6	latest by 01.03.2025
	Ethoprophos	13194-48-4	already implemented
	Ethohexadiol (Ethyl hexyleneglycol)	94-96-2	already implemented
	Ethylene-dibromide; 1,2-Dibromoethane	106-93-4	already implemented
	Ethylene-dichloride; 1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06-2	already implemented
	Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	already implemented
F	Famphur	52-85-7	already implemented
	Fenamiphos	22224-92-6	already implemented
	Fenbutatin oxide	13356-08-6	already implemented
	Fenoprop (2,4,5-TP, Silvex)	93-72-1	already implemented
	Fenpropathrin	39515-41-8	already implemented
	Fenthion	55-38-9	already implemented
	Fentin acetate; Triphenyltin acetate	900-95-8	already implemented
	Fentin hydroxide; Triphenyltin hydroxide	76-87-9	already implemented
	Ferbam	14484-64-1	already implemented
	Fipronil	120068-37-3	already implemented
	Flocoumafen	90035-08-8	already implemented
	Fluazinam	79622-59-6	already implemented
	Flucythrinate	70124-77-5	already implemented
	Flufenoxuron	101463-69-8	already implemented
	Fluoroacetamide	640-19-7	already implemented
Flusilazole	85509-19-9	already implemented	

	Flutriafol	76674-21-0	already implemented
	Fonofos	944-22-9	already implemented
	Formaldehyde	50-00-0	already implemented
	Formothion	2540-82-1	already implemented
	Furathiocarb	65907-30-4	already implemented
H	Halosulfuron-methyl	100784-20-1	latest by 01.03.2025
	Heptachlor	76-44-8	already implemented
	Heptenophos	23560-59-0	already implemented
	Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)	118-74-1	already implemented
	Hexchlorcyclohexane; BHC mixed isomers	608-73-1	already implemented
I	Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	already implemented
	Indoxacarb	173584-44-6	latest by 01.03.2025
	Iprodione	36734-19-7	latest by 01.03.2025
	Isazofos	42509-80-8	already implemented
	Isofenphos	25311-71-1	already implemented
	Isofenphos-methyl	99675-03-3	already implemented
	Isoprocab	2631-40-5	already implemented
L	Lead arsenate	7784-40-9	already implemented
	Leptophos	21609-90-5	already implemented
	Lindane (gamma-HCH)	58-89-9	already implemented
	Lufenuron	103055-07-8	latest by 01.03.2025
M	Magnesium phosphide	12057-74-8	latest by 01.03.2025
	Mancozeb	8018-01-7	latest by 01.03.2025
	Maneb	12427-38-2	latest by 01.03.2025

	Mecarbam	2595-54-2	already implemented
	Meptyldinocap	131-72-6	already implemented
	Mercuric chloride	7487-94-7	already implemented
	Mercuric oxide	21908-53-2	already implemented
	Mercury compounds and salts	-/-	already implemented
	Methamidophos	10265-92-6	already implemented
	Methidathion	950-37-8	already implemented
	Methiocarb	2032-65-7	already implemented
	Methomyl	16752-77-5	already implemented
	Mevinphos	7786-34-7	already implemented
	Mirex	2385-85-5	already implemented
	Monocrotophos	6923-22-4	already implemented
	Monolinuron	1746-81-2	already implemented
	Monuron	150-68-5	already implemented
N	Naphthalene chloro-derivatives	CONTAMINANT	already implemented
	Nikotin	54-11-5	already implemented
	Nitenpyram	150824-47-8	already implemented
	Nitrofen	1836-75-5	already implemented
O	Omethoate	1113-02-6	already implemented
	Oxamyl	23135-22-0	already implemented
	Oxydemeton-methyl	301-12-2	already implemented
P	Paraquat incl. its salts	4685-14-7	already implemented
	Parathion (-ethyl)	56-38-2	already implemented
	Parathion-methyl	298-00-0	already implemented

Paris green; copper acetoarsenite	12002-03-8	already implemented
Pentachlorobenzene	608-93-5	already implemented
Pentachlorophenol (PCP)	87-86-5	already implemented
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Phosalone	2310-17-0	already implemented
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Phosphane	7803-51-2	latest by 01.03.2025
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Piperalin	3478-94-2	already implemented
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Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB)	67774-32-7	already implemented
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Polychlorinated terphenyls (PCT)	61788-33-8	already implemented
Procymidone	32809-16-8	already implemented
Propham	122-42-9	already implemented
Propaphos	7292-16-2	already implemented
Propargit	2312-35-8	already implemented
Propetamphos	31218-83-4	already implemented
Pymetrozine	123312-89-0	latest by 01.03.2025
Pyrazophos	13457-18-6	already implemented
Pyriminuron (Pyriminil)	53558-25-1	already implemented

S	Safrole	94-59-7	already implemented
	Schradan (Octamethyl, Systophos, Octamidophos)	152-16-9	already implemented
	Simazine	122-34-9	already implemented
	Sodium arsenite; Natriummetaarsenit	7784-64-5	already implemented
	Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	already implemented
	Sodium fluoroacetate (1080)	62-74-8	already implemented
	Strobane	8001-50-1	already implemented
	Strychnine	57-24-9	already implemented
	Sulfluramid	4151-50-2	already implemented
	Sulfotep	3689-24-5	already implemented
	Sulfoxaflor	946578-00-3	already implemented
T	Tebupirimfos	96182-53-5	already implemented
	Tefluthrin	79538-32-2	already implemented
	Terbufos	13071-79-9	already implemented
	Tetraethyllead	78-00-2	already implemented
	Tetramethyllead	75-74-1	already implemented
	Thallium(I)-sulfat	7446-18-6	already implemented
	Thiacloprid	111988-49-9	latest by 01.03.2025
	Thiamethoxam	153719-23-4	already implemented
	Thiocyclam	31895-21-3	already implemented
	Thiodicarb	59669-26-0	already implemented
	Thiofanox	39196-18-4	already implemented
	Thiometon	640-15-3	already implemented
	Thiophanate-methyl	23564-05-8	latest by 01.03.2025

	Thiram	137-26-8	already implemented
	Tolyfluanid	731-27-1	already implemented
	Triadimefon	43121-43-3	already implemented
	Triazophos	24017-47-8	already implemented
	Tributylzinn compounds	-/-	already implemented
	Trichlorfon	52-68-6	already implemented
	Triforin	26644-46-2	already implemented
	Triphenyltin (Fentin) and its salts	-/-	latest by 01.03.2025
	Tris (2,3-dibromopropyl)phosphate ("TDBPP")	126-72-7	already implemented
V	Vamidotion	2275-23-2	already implemented
	Vinyl chloride	75-01-4	already implemented
W	Warfarin	81-81-2	already implemented
Z	Zeta-cypermethrin	1315501-18-8	already implemented
	Zinc phosphide	1314-84-7	already implemented