

O'Brien Fine Foods - Quality Manual

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OBFF Packaging and Plastics Statement

O'Brien Fine Foods is a family run business which specialises in the manufacture of premium cooked meats. We understand that our business activities have an impact on the environment and its natural resources. We need to play our part in protecting the environment through our actions across our operation and supply chain. One area that we can do that is through our packaging and use of plastics throughout our operation. Plastic pollution is negatively impacting our biodiversity and the ecosystem services that we rely so heavily on, with many global examples depicting this.

With that in mind OBFF is committed to using less resources and managing our resource use in a responsible and transparent manner. We align all our waste management practices with the Waste Hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). However, we must recognise that plastic plays an important role across our operation in protecting the environment from other potential impacts, as well as ensuring a better quality and safer product is being produced and packaged for our customers and the overall consumer, whilst reducing food waste.

OBFF will continue to explore alternative options to support our goals of reducing the amount of plastic throughout our operation and packaging. In the meantime, we will work with our suppliers and customers to reuse, recycle and dispose of all plastic material in a responsible manner.

OBFF commits to reduce our Plastic usage and in doing so minimise our environmental impact, by doing the following:

- Set robust Targets to support OBFF better measure and manage our plastic usage. These management practices will align with the Waste Hierarchy and the following:
 - Reduce amount of Plastic usage across all Sites.
 - Improve the recyclability of the plastics / packaging used.
 - Increase the level of recycling across all Sites.
- Align our efforts with legislation requirements and Pledge conditions (Repak). Playing our part in supporting more circular waste practices.
- OBFF Sustainable Packaging team will work cross functionally to continue to build on our approach to Packaging and achieve our Sustainable Packaging Commitments.
- Through continued Research and Life Cycle Assessments, OBFF will work to better understand our current packaging materials and the benefits gained by reducing material use and moving towards more recyclable materials.
- OBFF will work with our suppliers and customers to move to alternative packaging materials that have greater recyclability value and an improved environmental impact.
- Provide regular awareness and support to employees across the OBFF operations to manage plastic waste in line with the Waste Hierarchy.
- Ensure that all Plastic waste on OBFFs sites is recycled accordingly to acceptable standards.

At OBFF we are committed to continually look for opportunities to better manage and reduce our plastic consumption throughout our operations, as well as in our packaging. This policy will be communicated to all staff, contractors, and suppliers, and be available to the public through selected media.

John O'Brien, Managing Director

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