

CODE OF CONDUCT

TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY



Respectful Life is a worldwide standard, involving the leading companies within the horse meat supply chain acknowledging the importance of transparency and integrity

★ Integrity

Each RL participant obeys to the code of conduct and certification agreement

- ✓ All participants to the Respectful Life project agree to submit the supply chain to **third party assessments** based on a scientific approach and respect of **impartiality** (*Academic work and Certification bodies as a guarantee for impartiality*).
- ✓ The Respectful Life participants are aware of and agree to the fact that any unsatisfactory findings might lead to **additional measures or sanctions** (*because of non conformities detected during assessments*).
- ✓ Respectful Life commits itself and its stakeholders to **communicating** as One Voice about the progress made in the field of animal welfare and the condition of the horses in the stages prior to and during slaughter.
- ✓ Respectful Life will seek compliance against sustainable, legal, ethical and animal welfare requirements to fulfill **consumer and societal expectations**. It will therefore engage with stakeholders to commit to **continuous improvement**.



Transparency

Communication summaries of animal welfare visit report and audit results



Sustainable

Selected from the 17 UN SDGs of which Food waste is represented under SDG Zero Hunger.



Legal

EU based requirements



Ethical

Requirements are defined within the Respectful Life Quality Scheme (RLQS)



Consumer & Societal Expectations

Round table with consumers and clients /retailers



Continuous improvement

The project shall lead to continuous improvement in the areas defined by the quality scheme

- ✓ Respectful Life will advocate horse meat as a product with **Quality attributes** (*nutritional value and health benefits*) that can contribute to a healthy diet (*based on the dietary guidelines*).

COMPANY: SIGNATURE:

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