AGRONOMIC CHARTER Version 5.1





Coming **together** as employees and agricultural growers for improved compliance with our brand's **quality** requirements



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PART I BONDUELLE AND THE NEW AGRONOMIC CHARTER



he purpose of the group's very first agronomic charter, established in 1996, was to ensure soil quality and input traceability in order to guarantee high vegetable quality from the growing phase onwards. Our past recommendations were in fact used later on in legal texts, proving how advanced we were regarding the importance of soil quality in the supply of vegetables.

The challenge faced by this 5th version of the agronomic charter, which commits both our employees and agricultural growers, is to comply with our brands' requirements and responsible approach, for the benefit of consumers and customers, while respecting the environment.

The implementation of internal and external audits reinforces these objectives.

1 – BONDUELLE'S AMBITION

"Never jeopardize the future because of short-term needs". This philosophy has been conveyed by three shareholder objectives (employee fulfilment, long-lasting cooperation and independence) and has helped the family-run company - created in 1853 - rise to be the world leader in ready-to-use vegetables. The vegetables, grown by grower partners according to an established contract, by our suppliers and by our subcontractors over more than 100,000 hectares and by Bonduelle over 10,000 hectares, are marketed in over 100 countries in various forms, under various brands, in all possible circuits and using all possible technologies: canned, frozen, pasteurized, dried and fresh ready-to-use.

1.A - To be the world reference in "well living" through vegetable products

Our group's major challenge consists now more than ever in making healthy vegetables available to all in any season, and helping consumers enjoy their taste and benefits. This ambition means that vegetables are to be grown carefully and preserved naturally, whilst considering any changes in growing pratices, controlling product quality and respecting the environment.

This makes the group trust-worthy and ensures long-term commitment, which are essential to sustainable development.

The Bonduelle Group has been committed to an ambitious sustainable development policy since 2002 and in 2003 adhered to the Global Compact - a United Nations international compact focusing on 10 principles regarding Human and labour rights, environmental standards and the fight against corruption.

1.B - The earth, a resource worth preserving

The earth is a true resource! Optimizing agricultural production is one of the keys to sustainable development, by avoiding raw material wastage (seeds, fertilizers, water, etc.) whilst preserving the richness of the soils and ensuring high-quality harvests for the benefit of consumers and the branch as a whole.

Bonduelle encourages the best agricultural practices by limiting the use of inputs and by favouring natural and organic soil use.

1.C - Reinforcing relations with the agricultural world

Our commitment to the agricultural field has led us to support our partners in complying with regulatory requirements concerning the environment, and health and safety in the workplace.

The group's sustainable development objectives mostly aim to encourage ecologically intensive agriculture and support innovation by favouring research.

2 - THE AGRONOMIC FOCUS POINT

It is based on the following features:

- A long-lasting and stable partnership with the agricultural field thanks to a durable and loyal relationship with our growers,

- Technical involvement in terms of production, with regular follow-ups during vegetable growth,

- The adoption of good practices aiming to ensure food safety, the growing of vegetables originating from non-genetically modified seeds (GMO), rigorous criteria for selecting fields of land and certifying vegetables coming from the factories.

- The sensible and reasonable use of inputs required for production, with a view to reducing environmental impacts,

- Ensuring that the factories and customers are located close to us, thus optimizing freshness, limiting transport times and reducing our carbon footprint.



3 - PURPOSE OF THE AGRONOMIC CHARTER

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The group is organized according to rules and methods that are applicable to all, both for upstream agricultural process and downstream industrial and commercial ones.

This charter is aimed at employees working for the Bonduelle Group, suppliers, farmers, contractors, transporters, suppliers and salespeople.

It details Bonduelle's requirements and specifications throughout the production and supply process, above and beyond purely regulatory requirements.

The charter is also a tool used to identify and control risks, thanks to these three fundamental points:

- vegetable safety and quality,
- respect for the environment,
- human safety.

It is applicable in every country, every production zone and to each of the Bonduelle Group's technologies (canned, frozen, dried, fresh ready-to-use). Its goal is to be the minimum benchmark, setting out common risk management rules to be applied during the agricultural and industrial process.

Each supply system undertakes to:

- define and apply its own control and monitoring measures, thanks to production and service contracts, detailed specifications and certifications,
- prove its practices are consistent thanks to records,

- implement tools that prove the continuous improvement of its practices, in compliance with the group's Corporate Social Responsibility approach (CSR), and have these practices audited by an independent third-party organization.



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4 – PROGRESS PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

4.A – Progress plans

For several years now, and with a view to enhancing progress, assessment and improvement tools have been implemented in accordance with the group's CSR policy.

The indicator results detailed in the annual report help our agronomic departments implement training, information, awareness and support operations for the benefit of growers and partners.

Combining the agronomic reports with the progress plan on an annual basis makes it possible to comprehensively and regularly measure how well Bonduelle's environmental recommendations are being applied by growers.

4.B – Development programs

This charter's commitments are also rolled out via development projects aiming to optimize vegetable production, thanks to support from the agricultural world, whilst preserving natural soils and resources.

- Soil:

The earth is our main agricultural wealth, it feeds our vegetables. The group makes sure it encourages practices that contribute to preserving or even enriching the soils' biological activity, namely thanks to tillage techniques, plant cover techniques and crop rotation.

- Seeds:

The group's agronomists are constantly improving the varieties made available to growers. A control plan is used to assess seed quality.

The group encourages variety research, in favour of:

- the products' nutritional and organoleptic quality,
- resistance to diseases,
- reduced use of inputs,
- the vegetable's physical, physiological and organoleptic quality,
- improving processes for harvest and matching this to requirements for industrial processing.





PART - Crop monitoring:

Our agronomic teams provide farmers with tools able to optimize fertilizer, water and crop protection product supply.

Diagnoses resulting from the observation of diseases or pests help better identify when intervention is necessary, in order to protect the crops and therefore reduce environmental impacts.

Our teams support growers in the monitoring of their crops and provide them with technical advice.

The Bonduelle group works alongside colleges and universities within the framework of research programs aiming to improve agricultural practices.





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PART II Supply processes



Vegetable supplies can originate from three major sources:

- growing contracts with direct growers, company production sites, via brokers or raw material provid-

ers,

- finished product providers,
- occasional purchases.

Within the framework of a continuous improvement approach, these processes are subject to checks, and internal and/or external audits.

1 – GROWING CONTRACTS

a - Supply originating directly from the growers



b - Supply from company production sites

Provisional program (surfaces to be cultivated)		follow-up s plans
Technical recommendations Qualitative references	AGRONOMIC CHARTER • Documentary system • Technical skills • Recordings • Continuous improvement	Reports: technical, economic, quality Receipt Acceptance
Definition of the varietal range	Crop monitoring Maturity monitoring and decision to harvest	Harvest Transport
Seeding plan/Sowing	Pre-acceptance and checks	Land record feedback

COMPANY PRODUCTION SITES:

EUROPE: Spain France

NORTH AMERICA:

CANADA USA

RUSSIA

Murcie Farm (Spain)





c - Supply from brokers



BROKERS:

FRANCE EXEMPLE: EXPANDIS, VERDUYIN, ETC...

REST OF EUROPE: HUNGARY

NORTH AMERICA: USA (NEW YORK STATE)

Field of young carrots







d - Supply originating from raw material providers

Provisional program (surfaces to be cultivated)	Complaint follow-up Subcontractor assessment Progress plans				
Subcontracting contract Technical recommendations	AGRONOMIC CHARTER • Documentary system • Technical skills • Recordings	Receipt Approval			
Qualitative references	Continuous improvement	Delivery			
Delivery period and/ or forecast delivery schedule	Pre-sampling (if applicable or according to the contract)	Validation			





SUPPLIERS:

(PULSES, CHICORY, NEW POTATOES, ETC.)

2 – FINISHED PRODUCT SUPPLIERS

Supply originating from raw material providers

Provisional program (surfaces to be cultivated)	Complaint follow-up Subcontractor assessment Progress plans				
Subcontracting contract Technical recommendations Qualitative references	AGRONOMIC CHARTER • Documentary system • Technical skills • Recordings	Reports: technical, economic, quality Receipt			
	• Continuous improvement	Acceptance			
Delivery schedule	Checks	Harvest Delivery			
_	-	Land record feedback			



FINISHED PRODUCT SUBCONTRACTORS

3 – OCCASIONAL ADJUSTMENT PURCHASES

Suppliers are bound by a contract and required to comply with the standards in force. Material checks are carried out upon receipt in the plants, in accordance with the established verification procedures.







PART III Our quality, environmental, and health and safety



A – SUPPLY OF VEGETABLES ACCORDING TO GROWING CONTRACTS, ORIGINATING FROM COMPANY PRODUCTION SITES OR VIA BROKERS OR RAW MATERIAL PROVIDERS

Our commitments have been validated by all our branches. Our partners undertake to implement and document any control and monitoring measures that ensure our objectives are successfully met:

- products and practices that comply with regulations,
- products that meet our specified requirements and those of our customers (industrial workers, distributors and consumers),
- products free from foreign materials and contaminants, that comply with maximum residue limits (MRL).

The agronomic charter ensures compliance with these commitments.

1 – QUALITY

1.A – Product quality

As Bonduelle's main concern is the well-being of its consumers and the satisfaction of its customers, it pays special attention to its products' taste qualities.

The expertise shown by our agronomic teams in all production sites contributes to this objective by focusing on variety choice, the determination of a harvesting date and supply logistics. This is Bonduelle's speciality!

Variety choice:

As an important vector of taste and appearance, Bonduelle deploys all its know-how to select the «best» vegetable varieties.

Bonduelle works in close collaboration with seed suppliers and does everything within its power to always cultivate the most suitable variety.

Most cultivated varieties have thus been through a selection process before being subjected to agronomic testing, tasting and sensory tests.

By retaining the choice of cultivated varieties, Bonduelle ensures its customers are sold vegetables with impeccable organoleptic qualities.

Crop monitoring:

The first step consists of choosing the fields most suitable for growing, as identified by the farmer (soil analysis, knowledge of soil history, rotation) and validated by Bonduelle.

To make growing easier, perfect mastery of vegetable cycles makes it possible to establish seeding plans that comply with processing capacities.

Methodical in-field monitoring, conducted by our agronomic teams, make it possible to permanently update the harvesting schedule by observing key development stages and thanks to acute plant knowledge.

At the end of the cycle, maturity measurements help determine the optimal harvesting date.

By sharing its crop monitoring knowledge with growers, Bonduelle guarantees its customers enhanced vegetable quality and taste.

Supply logistics:

Once vegetables have been harvested, they are to be collected as quickly as possible in order to guarantee freshness.

To this end, our agronomic teams are careful to choose fields in close proximity to the processing sites.

Regarding mechanical harvesting, the machines used help harvest vegetables in the least possible amount of time.

Lastly, dedicated and trained employees permanently manage harvest flows to ensure just-in-time manufacturing.

By deciding on logistical supply flows, Bonduelle guarantees permanent freshness and high-quality vegetables.



FOCUS POINT			REQUIREMENTS			
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
•	• Fields	Choice of variety	 Soil analysis with registered history Use the seeds and/ or plants recommended by the appropriate 	 Check the records made by the agronomic department 	 Contract is signed by the Parties 	 Annual Per production harvest year
	 Seeds and plants 	 Quality requirements Seeding and planting schedule 	 Comply with the schedules and inform the agronomic department of In terms of seeding planting Planting quality w 	 Declare any changes in terms of seeding or planting 	 Appendix to the harvest year contract (fresh) 	
GROWING Obtaining vegetables that comply with our specifications: • homogeneity, • quality, • quantity	 Crop planting 	 Application of suitable techniques 		of suitable agronomic department of any changes • Planti checked departm • Comply with planting	 Planting quality will be checked by the agronomic department 	• Declaration sheet regarding the seeded surface areas (except for fresh)
	 Mineral fertilization Organic nutrient 	 Choice of origin and composition of the organic nutrient Calibrating the spreading devices Allowing enough time before the crop is planted 	 Aligning intake (quantity or quality) with crop requirements Complying with the available expertise (fertilizing plan, etc.) and the analysis results 	Field recordSoil analysis	 Field record/agronomic department/Grower organization Fertilizing 	 Annual Per production harvest year
CROP MANAGEMENT Obtaining vegetables that comply with our specifications: • homogeneity, • quality, quantity	Crop protection	 Field monitoring or panel Pesticide warnings (thresholds) Decision support tools 	 Information recording Monitoring by the agronomic department 	Checking the recordsField records	 Crop protection (pre- harvest interval, re-entry period for the fields, non- treatment area, etc.)* Sprayer configuration 	• Every 5 years

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
	• Irrigation	 Irrigation management Water analysis Decision support tool for irrigation (boom, drip irrigation, tensiometer, etc.) 	 Adapting water supply to the crop's needs Using irrigation water of suitable quality Keeping irrigation systems in good condition Favour regenerating water sources (= sustainable commitment) 	 Check the records and analyses made by the agronomic department Field record 	 Irrigation Soil/farm analysis sheet Irrigation follow-up Water analysis 	• Every 5 years
CROP MANAGEMENT Obtaining vegetables that comply with our specifications:	• Harvest	 Validation of the required maturity level 	 Complying with the harvesting schedule 	 Harvesting and/or traceability documents 	Harvesting slip	Per load
 homogeneity, quality, quantity 	TransportStorage	 Protection of harvested vegetables 	 Complying with vegetable storage and transport conditions until delivery 	 Transport documents 	 Delivery note 	• Per load
	• Receipt			 Product checks upon receipt Temperature checks upon receipt (< 6°C) (fresh food only) 	 Goods received note Certification slip upon receipt 	• Per load

1.B – Product safety

Our procedures ensure:

- vegetable traceability,
- the use of certified GMO-free seeds.

The products' sanitary safety is based on danger control, such as foreign materials and contaminants, throughout the production phases.

1.B.1 – Traceability

Records are made at all stages of the production process, making it possible for the agronomic department to validate compliance with good practices. Input identification (seeds, nutrients, etc.) is also included in the records made available by the grower.

These elements help us ensure traceability from seeding to the finished product.

FOCUS POINT				REQUIREMENT	5	
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
DEMONSTRATE THE TRANSPARENCY OF OUR PRACTICES upstream from our	 Identification of practices and inputs 	 Filling in and archiving required records and other regulatory data 	 Making records available Identifying fields 	 Field record Control document upon 	 Growing contract is signed by the Parties Field record/agronomic department/Grower 	 Annual Per production harvest year Annual
industrial processes			 Transferring required data 	receipt from the plants	Goods received note	Per load

1.B.2 – Genetically modified organisms

Bonduelle requires that seeds be selected according to a certified scheme and be free from genetically modified organisms.

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
VEGETABLE PRODUCTION from non-GMO seeds	Seed choice	• Use of GMO-free seeds	 Never produce vegetables using GMO seeds 	 Seed labels 	 Seed purchase invoice Certificate provided by the seed company proving that seeds are GMO-free Grower's variety list (fresh) 	 Per delivery Annual seed company letter Grower list for harvest year



1.B.3 – Foreign materials

The foreign materials most likely to be found in harvested vegetables can originate from various sources:

- directly from the fields (stones, previous nutrient, etc.), or may result from its environment (human activity nearby),
- nutrients (grain size, composition, etc.),
- pollution (human, natural) during the growth cycle (weeds, insects, animals, stones, metal, plastic, wood, glass, etc.).

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
CROP CONTROL Supplying industrial	Choice of the field	 Knowledge of the field's history and environment 	materials during growth and prior to harvest	 Field identification Checks and records 	 Field record 	 Annual Per production harvest year
sites whilst minimizing the presence of foreign materials in the vegetables	Crop management	• Checking for the absence of sludge applications	 Implementing any means necessary to avoid the presence of toxic plants Undertaking never to use non-compliant sludge 	carried out by the agronomic department • Checks during crop visits	• Letter of undertaking (fresh) or contract	• Annual



	FOCUS	POINT			REQUIREMENTS	S
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
CROP CONTROL Supplying industrial sites whilst minimizing the presence of foreign materials in the vegetables	• Organic nutrient	 Origin of the organic nutrients (NFU standards or those in force) Nutrient composition Only use treated manure Complying with specific spreading conditions for certain vegetables Spreading a nutrient that is stabilized or sufficiently degraded Allowing for enough time before the crop is planted 	 Controlling origin of droppings Ensuring that there are no foreign materials before spreading Information recording 	 Composition of organic nutrients Field visit Checks upon receipt 	 Standardization label Standards applied in each country Analysis of the manufacturer's compost Dropping treatment certificate Spreading authorization Input purchase invoice Land follow-up sheet Growing register 	• Annual
HARVEST	 Material, equipment and containers Labour 	 Equipment management and adjustments Upkeep and cleaning of the material and/or containers Provision of suitable tools and uniforms Training regarding harvesting and work regulations 	 Ensuring preventive maintenance of all equipment and material Complying with work regulations and ensuring others comply with them too (hygiene, security, behaviour, etc.) 	 Checks upon receipt Checks during crop visits 	 Contractor harvest specifications Harvest sheet Goods received note Good practice charter for each site Clothing and behavioural regulations (fresh) 	 Per site Audit carried out after each visit and final report at the end of the harvest year (fresh)

1.B.4 – Contaminants

All chemical (heavy metals, crop protection products, etc.) and microbiological contaminants are taken into account. Associated control measures are identified, implemented and monitored according to each branch's specificities.

Qualitative thresholds and references (country standards) are also available.

1.B.4.a – Chemical contaminants

The agronomic department makes growers aware of the reasonable use of crop protection products (crop protection products, CPP).

The use of observation means, if available (trapping networks, forecast models, targeted treatment recommendation or in-field observations), help growers moderate the use of phytosanitary protection.

To limit the use of crop protection products, alternative techniques are recommended.

To reduce product application during plant growth, Bonduelle favours seed treatment.

Our environmental approach consists in mainly using fast-degrading active substances and alternating them to avoid resistance caused by habituation.



Insect netting

	FOCUS	POINT		REQUIREMENTS		
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
	 Choice of the field 		 Excluding fields with risks of high pesticide resistance 		 Growing contract and field selection 	 Annual Per production harvest year
		 Knowledge of the environment 	 Excluding fields in close proximity to pollution sources Informing the agronomic dependence of one 	cluding fields in close imity to pollution ces • Field identification	• Field record, monitored both at the farm and by the agronomic department/Grower organization	 For each harvest year, verification of the provisional treatment program (fresh)
		 Implementation of 	department of any potential risks	planted crops	 Sprayer control sheet 	• 5 years
 Crop protection 	 Crop protection 	good treatment practices (choice of product,	 Using existing observation networks to 	 Sprayer control 		 Annual statistics and monitoring plan
	spraying techniques)	limit crop protection (Plant Health Report - BSV in France)	 Monitoring plan/residue analysis for the raw material 	 Load checks upon receipt 	• Multi-residue analysis each month, for each product group and for each grower (fresh)	
CROP MANAGEMENT Obtaining healthy			 Applying products that are suitable to the target 		 Crop monitoring declaration by each 	Per field
vegetables resulting from the implementation of			 Complying with rate and application methods 		Grower organization/ agronomic departments	
good crop practices	• Organic nutrient	 Origin of the organic nutrient Nutrient composition	 Complying with the input threshold conformity level defined by Bonduelle Informing the agronomic departments of the inputs applied to the fields 	 Monitoring, checks and records (carried out by the agronomic department) Analysis and traceability certificate 	• Crop declaration sheet	
		 Irrigation Harvesting equipment Harvesting equipment Knowledge of water quality Equipment management and adjustments Upkeep and cleaning of the material and/or 	 Using water of suitable 	• Water analysis	• Control/farm	• 5 years
			 quality Ensuring preventive maintenance of all equipment and material 	Checks upon receiptIncident reports	 Goods received note 	• Per load
		containers		 Harvesting equipment monitoring sheet 	 Harvesting slip 	Per load

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1.B.4.b – Microbiological contaminants

Inputs, such as nutrients or irrigation water, can be a source of contamination for vegetables. The qualitative references required by Bonduelle detail pathogenic flora levels.

Bonduelle's agronomic departments ensure that the inputs used by growers are not a source of contamination and encourage the protection of catchment areas against water pollution risks.

	FOCUS	POINT			REQUIREMENTS	5
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
CROP MANAGEMENT Producing whilst ensuring	• Organic nutrient	Origin of the nutrientNutrient composition	 Complying with the defined spreading recommendations Never use sludge from non-treated urban stations that do not comply with our standards 	 Use and origin records Analysis results 	 Analysis and traceability certificate for the farm 	Spreading
the vegetables are harmless and wholesome	• Water	 Water origin and quality Water origin and quality Stablishing a monitoring plan and conducting the required analyses Water analysis results Unit of the second seco	 Agronomic department: monitoring plan Water supply agency for each production site 	 5 years 3 times per year and per borehole (fresh) 		
		Cleanliness of equipment in direct	 Ensuring preventive maintenance and regular 	 Material monitoring sheet 	Harvesting slip	• Per load
HARVEST	Equipment	contact with the vegetables (containers, tools, etc.)	cleaning of all equipment and material	 Practice monitoring plan Hygiene regulation	 Training material for good hygiene practices 	• Annual
	regulations and	hygiene and behavioural regulations and ensuring others comply with them	 nygene regulation sheets Training attendance sheet 	 Clothing and behavioural regulations (fresh) 	 Audit carried out after each visit and final report at the end of the harvest year (fresh) 	

2 - ENVIRONMENT

PART

Bonduelle and its growers' common desire is to ensure high-quantity and high-quality production that helps preserve the environment.

2.A – Soil preservation

The agronomic departments provide reminders of the practices that respect the environment:

- Carry out suitable rotations to preserve the integrity of the natural soils when faced with insect complexes, in order to minimize the use of chemical control,

- Adapt growing and agro-environmental techniques to limit soil erosion and maintain soil structure.

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
	Choice of field	Crop rotation	Respecting Bonduelle's crop requirements		• Care provided to the species according to the specifications	
	Crop management	• Tillage	 Implementing good growing pratices to limit physical soil degradation 		 Pilot implementation 	 Multi-annual plan
PRESERVING THE SOIL, main agricultural wealth	 Input of fertilizers and organic nutrients 	Choice of fertilizers and organic nutrients	 Enhancing the soil's biological life and increasing humus content 	 Crop monitoring by a technician, technical recommendation and/or field record 	 Field record and nutrient/input type analysis 	 Annual Per production harvest year
	 Crop protection products with low degradation (POP, persistent organic pollutants) 	 Choice of persistent products Implementation of good treatment practices 	 Implementing good growing pratices to limit chronic soil pollution 		 Field records 	 Annual per production harvest year

2.B – Protecting water resources

The water used to irrigate the crops comes from various sources: borehole water, surface water and reservoir resources. Excessive consumption can lead to reduced underground layer levels.

Irrigation simply supplements the crop's water needs that the soil cannot provide, namely with a view to preserving product quality. Water availability is assessed thanks to a tensiometer, water budgets and/or crop observation.

The agronomic departments recommend the use of water-saving equipment and encourage homogeneous supply.

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
	• Irrigation	 Choice of field Irrigation methods Use of steering aid methods 	 Using water resources reasonably 	 Water consumption 	 Annual contract with a water supply agency Growing register (excluding fresh) 	 Annual Per production harvest year
PRESERVING WATER RESOURCES,	 Catchment area protection 	 Knowledge of the environment and implementation of good practices Boring Drip irrigation (DI) Protected pump 	 Undertaking to comply with good practices 	 Verification and recording Visual 	 Field record Farm sampling declaration 	 Annual Per production harvest year
in quality and quantity	• Crop protection	 Recommendation to use crop protection products at a lower rate than the required standard Complying with good agricultural practices (anti-drift nozzle, no wind, etc.) Non-Treated Area, re- entry period for the fields, pre-harvest interval* 	• Undertaking to comply with good practice recommendations (fresh)	 Application records Visual	• Field records	 Annual Per production harvest year

2.C – Waste management and emergency situations

Growers are to comply to the regulation relating to the use and storage of crop protection products, fertilizers, hydrocarbons and their packaging, in order to limit pollution risks.

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
	Handling of crop protection products/ fertilizers/hydrocarbons	 Respecting regulations 			 Monitoring sheet completed by the land manager 	 Annual
DO NOT CAUSE CHRONIC POLLUTION	Storage of crop protection products/ fertilizers/hydrocarbons	(Good practice for fresh produce)Use of disposal systems if available	 Implementing all possible means to limit pollution, both on the farm, in the fields and in 	 Crop monitoring Phytosanitary storage 	 Incident declaration made by the grower 	 Annual
OR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS through use or storage of crop protection products, fertilizer, packaging or products deagorous	 Storage of empty crop protection product packaging Storage of non-usable crop protection products 	if available Training 	the environment	Phytosanitary storage area up to standards	 Training sheet 	
or products dangerous for the environment (e.g. hydrocarbons)		Equipment management and adjustments	F	 Incident declaration made by the grower 	 Material monitoring sheet 	• 5 years
	Material, equipment and containers	 Upkeep and cleaning of the material and containers Training 	Ensuring preventive maintenance of all equipment and material		• Training sheet regarding the farm	• Annual

3 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

PART

Within the framework of the Global Compact, Bonduelle only works with suppliers or service providers who comply with labour code regulations.

Each stakeholder is responsible for their staff's safety. Analyzing health and safety risks in the field and on the farm in general makes it possible to establish a guideline document that sets out the rules to be followed. All these stakeholders (vegetable suppliers, harvesters, transporters, etc.) undertake to perform Bonduelle's contract, and implement a work organization that guarantees the health and safety of their staff (in accordance with the laws in force).

3.A – In the fields

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
		 Qualification of the working staff Spraying material in 			Individual certificate	• 5 years
 PROTECTING PEOPLE from a risk: Crop protection products (intoxication, overflow, projection & inhalation) Fertilizer (burns, intoxication) 	• Instructions for using crop protection products and fertilizers	 specifications that list potential service providers Provision of protective equipment for the working staff Re-entry period for the fields Pre-harvest interval Non-Treated Area 	• Ensuring that good practices and recommendations linked to the handling of crop protection products and fertilizers are applied	 Growing register monitoring Consultancy and farm audits 	 Material monitoring sheet List of suitable Personal Protective Equipment 	• Annual

$\mathbf{3.B}$ – On the harvesting operations and during the logistical phase

	FOCUS	POINT		REQUIREMENTS		
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Grower's commitments	Follow-up	Documents	Frequency
	 Site and transport organization 	 Raising awareness, training, informing 			 End-of-project report (excluding fresh) 	• For each site
AVOID PHYSICAL ACCIDENTS when travelling, harvesting and transporting	 Highway regulations Handling of lifting equipment Handling of equipment (protection, fairing of mobile parts) Equipment maintenance Storage of heavy loads Travelling precautions Individual protection 	 Driving licence Signage Specifications that list service providers Provision of protective equipment (PPE) for the staff and on the machines (goggles, helmets, closed cab if necessary, etc.) Safe driving aptitude test (French CACES) up to date (employees) 	 Ensuring good practices and regulations are complied with Complying with the organization defined in joint agreement with the providers and Bonduelle Complying with the traffic rules applied within the industrial site 	 Crop monitoring Training plan monitoring Farm audits Site monitoring Delivery monitoring 	 Welcome booklet Training plan and training attendance sheet 	• Annual per production harvest year







B – SUPPLY OF VEGETABLES AND FINISHED PRODUCTS BY SUPPLIERS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

Our commitments have been defined and validated by all our branches. Our partners undertake to implement and document any control and monitoring measures that ensure our objectives are successfully met:

- products and practices that comply with regulations in force,
- products that meet our specified requirements and those of our customers (industrial workers, distributors and consumers),
- products free from foreign materials and contaminants.

For vegetables from purchasing, commitments are protected by contracts and specifications documents. Vegetables are checked upon receipt, based on Bonduelle specifications.

Bonduelle encourages its suppliers to take commitments to establish good practice for specific levers.

Evaluations will be performed based on an audit table established by an independent external organization. They shall measure and monitor progress, as well as identify and commit to improvement processes.

In this context, the supplier must be able, during the audit(s) or following occasional requests, to supply proof of commitments undertaken.

1 – QUALITY

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1.A – Product quality

FOCUS POINT			REQUIREMENTS		
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
GROWING AND CROP MANAGEMENT Obtaining vegetables that comply with our specifications - for homogeneity, - for quality, - for quantity.	 Seeds and plants 	 Use of seeds and plants with certified origin 	• Use of original seeds (defined with Bonduelle for each species and variety)	 Copies of commercial documentation demonstrating the origin and certification of seeds 	 Annual During renewal of contract

	FOCUS	POINT		REQUIRE	EMENTS
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
	 Mineral fertilization Organic nutrient 	 Choosing the origin and composition of the nutrient Calibrating spreading devices Allowing for enough time before the crop is planted 	 Identifying the origin and composition of the nutrient Aligning intake (quantity or quality) with crop requirements Allowing for enough time before the crop is planted 	• Technical Advisor Itinerary	 Occasionally during audits
	• Irrigation	 Irrigation management 	 Implement a method, tools for monitoring irrigation (weather tracking, available measurement tools) Adapting water supply to the crop's needs 	Technical Advisor Itinerary	 Occasionally during audits
	• Harvest	 Validation of the required maturity level 	• Implement a harvest schedule after having validated the optimum stage of maturity	Technical Advisor Itinerary	• Occasional
	TransportStorage	 Protection of harvested vegetables (until delivery) 	 Performing checks during receipt of products Provide evidence of this through a quality control system 	 Document and check the quality of the raw material upon receipt at factory 	 Occasionally during audits or traceability exercises

1.B – Product safety

All contaminating elements (physical, chemical, microbiological) are taken into consideration during analyses of risk and updated whenever required.

1.B.1 – Traceability

Regular records are made at all stages of the production process, making it possible for the agronomic department to validate compliance with good practices (product records and field files if they exist).

Input identification (seeds, nutrients, etc.) is also included in the records made available by the supplier.

Traceability exercises performed as a part of the industrial processes are attached to include the supply processes.

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Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
DEMONSTRATE THE TRANSPARENCY OF OUR PRACTICES upstream from our industrial processes	 Identification of inputs 	 Identify inputs used Verify that products comply with legislation of country for consumption 	 Implement means required to identify inputs and check product compliance Making records available 	 Pesticide analysis plan Technical Advisor Itinerary including the list of recommended or prohibited pesticides 	AnnualDuring renewal of contract

1.B.2 - Genetically modified organisms

Bonduelle requires that vegetables do not include any genetically modified organisms and checks this using an internal monitoring plan.

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
VEGETABLE PRODUCTION from non-GMO seeds	 Seed choice 	• Use of GMO-free seeds	• Do not deliver products grown from GMO seeds	 Certificate of seed supplier Or commercial documentation demonstrating the origin and certification of seeds Supplier specifications Bonduelle product information file (PIF) 	 During referencing of supplier During renewal of contract



1.B.3 – Foreign materials

The foreign materials most likely to be found in harvested vegetables can originate from various sources:

- directly from the fields (stones, previous nutrient, etc.), or may result from its environment (human activity nearby),
- nutrients (grain size, composition, etc.),
- from planting the crops to harvest (weeds, insects, animals, stones, metal, plastic, wood, glass, etc.).

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
CROP CONTROL	Choice of the fieldCrop management	 Knowledge of the field's history and environment Maintenance of the field and use of an appropriate herbicide 	 Do not sow on high-risk fields Eliminating foreign materials during growth and prior to harvest 	 Technical Advisor Itinerary Awareness raising or training delivered 	 Occasional
Supplying industrial sites whilst minimizing the presence of foreign materials in the vegetables		 Check for foreign materials present in the raw material 	• During receipt of raw material on the processing site, check for the presence of foreign materials	 Document and check the quality of the raw material upon receipt at factory, including a "foreign material" section 	• Occasional
	 Organic nutrient 	 Nutrient composition 	• Ensuring that there are no foreign materials before spreading	Technical Advisor ItineraryAwareness raising or training delivered	 Occasional
HARVEST	 Material, equipment and containers 	 Upkeep and cleaning of the material and/or containers 	• Ensure regular preventative maintenance for materials and containers	 Awareness raising or training delivered 	 Occasional
	• Labour	 Respect for working rules 	• Complying with work regulations and ensuring others comply with them too (hygiene, safety, behaviour and local working regulations)	 Awareness raising or training delivered 	 Occasional

1.B.4 – Contaminants

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1.B.4.a – Chemical contaminants

The supplier is responsible for the reliability and quality of crop protection products recommended or used. They know their origins (manufacturing and packaging) and also ensure respect of the maximum limits of residues in force in the country where the agricultural materials are sold.

The agronomic service of the supplier informs growers about:

- reasonable use of crop protection products (CPP),
- using fast-degrading active substances and alternating them to avoid resistance caused by habituation,

- use of observation means (trapping networks, forecast models, targeted treatment recommendation or in-field observations) that, if available, help growers moderate the use of crop protection products (CPP).

- recommend alternative techniques.

Finally, to reduce the applications to vegetation, the supplier shall favour seed treatments, if they exist, performed by professionals (seed company).

	FOCU	IS POINT	REQUIREMENTS		
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
CROP MANAGEMENT	Choice of the field	 Knowledge of the environment 	 Exclude risky fields Check for presence of heavy metals Verify compliance of content in relation to legislation in the country of sale 	 Analysis results 	• Occasional
Obtaining healthy vegetables resulting from the implementation of good crop practices	Crop protection	 Implementation of good treatment practices (choice of product, spraying techniques) 	 Remove toxic plants Applying products that are suitable to the target 	 List of toxic plants identified by the supplier and/or identified in Bonduelle purchase specifications 	 Annual During renewal of contract Occasional
	 Irrigation 	 Knowledge of water quality 	Find out about water quality.Be able to supply water analyses.	• Water analysis	 System of checks established by supplier if one exists

1.B.4.b – Microbiological contaminants

Inputs, such as nutrients or irrigation water, can be a source of vegetable contamination. The supplier encourages the protection of catchment areas against water pollution risks.

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Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
	• Organic nutrient	Origin of the nutrientNutrient composition	 Do not use untreated sludge from urban treatment plants Only use sanitized droppings that are traced 	 Technical Advisor Itinerary 	• Occasional
CROP MANAGEMENT Producing whilst ensuring the vegetables are harmless and wholesome	• Water	 Knowledge of water quality 	 Find out about water quality Be able to supply water analyses Do not contaminate harvested vegetables 	• Water analysis	 System of checks established by supplier if one exists
	 Material, equipment and containers 	 Cleanliness of equipment in direct contact with the vegetables 	 Upkeep and cleaning of the material and containers 	 Technical Advisor Itinerary Procedure established by the supplier for storage of raw material (and possible transport) 	• Occasional
	• Labour	 Training regarding hygiene rules 	• Complying with work regulations and ensuring others comply with them too (hygiene, security, behaviour, etc.)	 Health and safety procedure established by the supplier 	

2 – ENVIRONMENT

Bonduelle and its suppliers' common desire is to ensure high-quantity and high-quality production that helps protect the environment. Supplier teams that are experts in agronomy have the task of recommending growing techniques from development programs.

2.A – Soil preservation

Supplier agronomic departments provide reminders of practices that respect the environment:

- Carry out suitable rotations, to preserve the integrity of the natural soils when faced with insect complexes, in order to minimize the use of chemical control,
- Adapt growing and agro-environmental techniques to limit soil erosion and maintain soil structure.

FOCUS POINT

Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
SOIL PRESERVATION main agricultural wealth	Choice of field	Crop rotation	 Implement suitable crop rotation 	 Technical Advisor Itinerary 	 Occasional
	 Crop management 	• Tillage	• Use growing techniques that limit physical and biological degradation of the soil	Technical Advisor Itinerary	• Occasional
	 Input of fertilizers and organic nutrients 	 Choice of fertilizers and organic nutrients 	 Enhancing the soil's biological life and increasing humus content 	 Technical Advisor Itinerary 	 Occasional

2.B – Protecting water resources

The water used to irrigate the crops comes from various sources: borehole water, surface water channels and reservoir resources. Excessive consumption can lead to reduced underground layer levels.

Irrigation simply supplements the crop's water needs that the soil cannot provide, as required to preserve the quality of agricultural raw material.

A water deficit may be noticed using one or more means: the use of measurement material available (e.g. tensiometer), the water budgets method, crop observation, or using the services of an external technical consultant.

It is recommended that equipment used be suited to the crop type, is water-efficient and favours homogeneous supply (e.g. drip irrigation).

The use of crop protection products that have a low impact on the local water systems, the establishment of non-treatment areas (buffer zone for floating crop protection products), and respecting requirements of local regulations for water, are also all highly recommended practices.

	FOCUS	POINT	REQUIR	EMENTS	
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
	 Irrigation 	 Methods for and monitoring of irrigation 	 Using water resources reasonably 	Water consumptionTechnical Advisor Itinerary	 Occasional
PRESERVING WATER RESOURCES in quality and quantity	Catchment area protectionCrop protection	 Implementation 	 Handle crop protection products in a manner that preserves water resources Perform organic nutrients in a manner that preserves water resources (eutrophication) 	 Health and safety procedure established by the supplier Technical Advisor Itinerary 	• Occasional

2.C – Waste management and emergency situations

Suppliers are to comply to the regulation in force relating to the use and storage of crop protection products, fertilizers, hydrocarbons and their packaging, in order to limit pollution risks.

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Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
DO NOT CAUSE CHRONIC POLLUTION OR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS through the use or storage of crop protection products, fertilizer, packaging or products dangerous for the environment	 Handling and storage of crop protection products and fertilizer Storage of empty packaging 	 Training of staff in the handling of crop protection products and fertilizer Use of disposal systems if available Training in the implementation and collecting of empty packaging 	• Implementing all possible means to limit pollution, both on the farm, in the fields and in the environment	 Health and safety procedure established by the supplier Technical Advisor Itinerary Training plan Collection plan Contract with a service provider 	• Occasional

3 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bonduelle, as part of its Global Compact commitments, only wishes to work with suppliers that respect labour regulations that are committed to a progress plan to achieve this objective.

If the risks are not established by a local legislative framework, Bonduelle encourages its suppliers to perform a regular risk analysis. This document shall evolve over time and, upon each detection of a new situation, allow adjustments to be made to preventative measures. When this is applicable, the personnel must have equipment and facilities suited to the tasks they perform.

Each supplier is responsible, on their farm, for the safety of workers (permanent, seasonal & interns) and visitors.

3.A – In the fields

	FOCUS	POINT	REQUIREMENTS		
Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
HUMAN RISK PREVENTION associated to the use of - Crop protection products (intoxication, overflow, projection & inhalation) - Fertilizer (burns, intoxication)	Conditions for use of crop protection products	 Qualification of the working staff 	 Apply and ensure that good practices and recommendations linked to the handling of crop protection products and fertilizers are applied by others 	 Training plan Health and safety procedure established by the supplier Material monitoring sheet 	• Occasional
		 Provision of protective equipment (glasses, helmets and gloves) 			
		 Spraying material in good condition 			

3.B - On the harvesting operations and during the logistical phase

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Objectives	Levers	Methods	Supplier's commitments	Follow-up and documents	Frequency
	 Organization of harvest and transport 	 Training of those working on harvest and transport 	• Ensure good practice is followed	• Training plan	 Occasional
AVOID PHYSICAL ACCIDENTS during harvest and transport	Equipment maintenance	 Material in good condition 		 Material monitoring sheet 	 Occasional
	 Individual protection 	 Provision of protective equipment if required 		 Health and safety procedure established by the supplier 	 Occasional

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