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To: "ebert@business-humanrights.org" <ebert@business-humanrights.org>

Dear Ms Ebert,

Thank you very much for your enquiry.

As an international retailer, we are aware of the impact of our business activities on the environment and society. In addition to our commitment to price and quality, responsibility is the third central pillar of our business policy.

For us, responsibility begins with our supply chain: Every business relationship begins with our requirements and these apply to all our suppliers. Among other things, we expect fair and safe working conditions to be guaranteed. Moreover, we only process fruit and vegetables from producers who are certified according to the internationally recognized GLOBALG.A.P. standard. Alongside requirements concerning the traceability of our products, health and safety regulations as well as the use of plant protection products, this also includes requirements relating to the responsible use of water. Certified farms must meet aspects of responsible water use. This means that the water sources as well as the water abstraction rates must comply with national and local legislation.

We are aware of the challenges of avocado cultivation. Of course, the circumstances described are in no way compatible with our understanding of socially just and humane working conditions.

Together with our suppliers, with whom we maintain long-standing business relationships, we will continue to work hard to enforce good agricultural practice as well as compliance with labour and social standards along our entire supply chain. We are presently working on internal solutions to this problem.

We have laid out our ideas concerning responsible action in our Corporate Responsibility Policy „Simply responsible“: http://www.aldi-nord.de/print/01_verantwortung/einfach-verantwortungsbewusst/

Our goals for a responsible, sustainable development of our business group can also be found in our international sustainability report: <https://www.craldinord.com/2015/nachhaltigkeitsbericht/>

We hope to have helped you with our response.

Best regards,

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