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RE: LIDL ETHICAL LABOUR ENQUIRY

Following your enquiry on the 7th August, please find to follow answers to the questions you raised.

The majority of processed tomato products we supply as a group are sourced from the Puglia region, with the remainder sourced from the neighbouring Campania region.

PIA does not own any farms but places contracts with regional Cooperatives and Associations who represent groups of over 700 individual growers or farms, all of whom are identifiable and random inspections are carried out by our team of agronomists.

We clearly specify in our contracts that suppliers must meet all legal obligations in relation to all labour used in the supply of tomatoes.

We have an absolute respect for human rights and oppose any form of forced labour. Since its formation in 2012 PIA has carried out training with suppliers and growers and is actively working with ANICAV (Associazione Nazionale Industriali Conserve Alimentari) to eliminate any risk of illegal labour or the exploitation of migrant workers.

As part of a recently agreed protocol for the promotion of social responsibility in the tomato industry, ANICAV will be undertaking an assessment of districts to detect the use of any illegal labour, with input from agriculture, industry, unions and also regional and national authorities.

PIA fully supports this protocol and as an active participant in ANICAV will continue to highlight the need for industry and wider stakeholders to tackle the issue of ethical labour in the Southern Italian agricultural sector.

Kind Regards,

Giuseppe Vacca
Head of Commercial

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