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STATEMENT ON COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS

Ahold USA is committed to offering our customers products that are produced under fair, safe and sound circumstances. We carefully select and monitor our suppliers and require that they adhere to our Standards of Engagement. These standards require our suppliers to treat their employees fairly, with dignity and respect, and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Each of the tomato suppliers we work with in the Immokalee region of Florida has adopted the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' (CIW) Fair Food Code of Conduct (through their membership in the Florida Tomato Growers Exchange) as well as the Ahold USA Standards of Engagement. We are committed to investigating any reports thoroughly and taking any appropriate action promptly.

The CIW has an open line to Ahold USA's companies to immediately share any information they receive about the mistreatment of workers by any of our suppliers. Since our suppliers in the region adopted the Fair Food Code of Conduct in 2010, the CIW has not informed us of any instances of mistreatment.

Ahold USA is committed to paying a fair market price for tomatoes from Florida suppliers, but Ahold USA does not directly negotiate wages with our suppliers' employees. However, we have taken note of recent developments in the way that CIW is reaching agreements. We will review and discuss this with the relevant food industry trade associations as well as our suppliers.

Ahold USA will continue to be a responsible retailer and engaged member of the communities we serve.

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