



## **Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2017**

Lakeland Dairies Co-operative Society Limited and all of the Companies within the Lakeland Group are committed in working to combat slavery and human trafficking. We exercise a zero tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking.

### **Our Company**

Lakeland Dairies is a major dairy processing co-operative operating within a fifteen county catchment areas across the northern half of the island of Ireland. The Group has processes about one billion litres of quality milk annually into a range of value added dairy foodservice products and functional dairy food ingredients. All of Lakeland Dairies' processing facilities operate to the most stringent international standards of equality, customer satisfaction and sustainability.

We are committed to ethical trading.

### **Our Supply Chain**

We are committed to our corporate social responsibilities at a local, national and international level. We internally review our supply chain to assess both human trafficking and slavery risks. We review all aspects of the supply chain including but not limited to human trafficking, child labour and safety. We have a sound document management system that ensures all steps of the supplier approval process are followed.

We recognise and understand the complexities associated with the existence of modern slavery and its potential impact on global supply chain networks and we are committed to working with our Suppliers, Customers, Regulatory Authorities and other parties and organisations, including NGO's, to support the development of long-term solutions to this issue and its abolition. Our Purchasing teams are fully committed and focused on ensuring that we purchase materials only from legitimate companies that meet all appropriate legislation and are not in any way engaged in or associated with Modern Slavery or Human Trafficking.

### **Our Workplace**

Lakeland Dairies places a high value on each and every one of our employees. We offer a work environment where there are equal opportunities, fairness, inclusiveness, mutual respect and diversity.

### **Our Policies**

Our policies and procedures are continually reviewed to enable a supportive, safe and accident-free workplace. Our employees are at the centre of our health and safety programmes where we work collaboratively together to achieve the objective of Zero Harm across the organisation.



We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business. This Anti-slavery and Human trafficking Statement reflects our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in our supply chains.

We internally review our supply chain to evaluate human trafficking risks and slavery risks and we review all aspects of the supply chain including safety, human trafficking, child labour and other legal requirements. We are members of Sedex (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange) and regularly audited by third parties

#### **Training and Communication**

We publish this statement on our website and communicate to our suppliers. We provide training to ensure information about our commitment to Anti-Slavery and human trafficking is communicated throughout our business.



#### **SHOW WE CARE**

The people whose lives we touch matter deeply to us. We value and celebrate all people equally. We will always act with their health, safety and welfare foremost in our minds.

#### **Statement**

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending December 2017.

**Signed on behalf of Lakeland Dairies Co-operative Society Limited:**

  
**Michael G Hanley**  
**Group Chief Executive**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2017