

### **The EU Welfare of Laying Hens Directive**

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European Union Directive 1999/74/EC requires that from 01 January 2012 all laying hen cages used in member states must be of the enriched variety that provide improved conditions for the laying hens.

As part of our commitment to supporting the UK egg industry, all Brakes shell eggs are UK sourced Lion Quality. Brakes is committed to providing choice and as such our customers are able to choose shell eggs sourced from hens reared in enriched cages or from those reared in barn, free range, or organic environments.

In addition to this, the majority of our own brand primary egg products such as liquid whole egg, liquid egg yolk, scrambled egg mix and peeled hard boiled eggs are manufactured from UK Lion Quality eggs. For those Brakes products where the use of UK Lion Quality eggs is not an option, such as where eggs are used as an ingredient, we will only source from our approved suppliers who are fully aware of their responsibilities to meet the requirements of the above Directive.

We will continue to monitor our suppliers' compliance as part of our routine supplier assessment programme.