



Traceability

The safety of products marketed by Valio is based on quality management system covering the whole supply and manufacturing chain from raw materials to end products. Only dairy farms that have signed an agreement are allowed to supply raw milk to Valio. Every milk batch can be traced back to the farm level.

Other raw materials and food contact materials are purchased only from approved suppliers who must have established a traceability system in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 article 18 of the European Parliament and the Council (EU) (i.e. at least one step backwards and one step forwards). The quality, traceability and safety of raw materials and contact materials are assured by specifications, product questionnaires, audits and spot test analyses. The food contact materials can be traced according to the Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004.

The principal traceability information of Valio's products is the best before date which can be used to trace the raw materials and other ingredients. Moreover product-specific information such as the number of the packaging machine, cheese lot or time of packaging can be labelled. All this information is important to facilitate the traceability.

The function of the traceability system is tested annually by traceability tests and mock recalls.

The identification mark of the manufacturing plant is printed in the packages and in the documents of the products transported in containers or tankers. The identification mark means that the product is manufactured in accordance with the Regulation (EC) 853/2004 in establishment meeting the requirements of the Regulation (EC) 853/2004.

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