

POLICY ON ETHICAL SOURCING OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES

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Policy on ethical sourcing of food and supplies for Shoolini University

I. Preamble

Ethical sourcing is critical to sustainable and responsible supply chain management. It is the responsibility of all organizations to ensure that all procured and consumed commodities are sourced in responsible and sustainable way that signifies that the producers and workers involved in the production process are in a safe and fair environment. Traceability of food items is a critical parameter in ethical sourcing. While procuring the food items specific guidelines and factors must be considered which form the part of ethical sourcing. Shoolini University is committed to follow ethical practices for procurement and serving of high quality food in its campus through its policy on ethical sourcing of food and supplies.

Shoolini University's Policy on ethical sourcing of food and supplies is in line with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal no. 12 "*responsible consumption and production*"

II. Policy Goals

- To promote ethical sourcing within the campus.
- To ensure high quality food is served in the canteens and cafeterias located in the university.
- To ensure spoilt or contaminated food items are disposed properly.
- To prevent use of food items supplied by factories or sources that use child labour, exploitive labour, or have harsh or unsafe working conditions.
- To enable use of modern technologies for food traceability.
- To promote sustainable development through ethical sourcing.

III. Applicability

This policy shall apply to all departments/extensions of Shoolini University including students, faculty, employees and public who will be encouraged to take initiatives for fulfilment of the policy objectives.

IV. Measures to be taken by the university

- Proper food traceability shall be maintained for every food supplied in the campus
- Any technology that improves the traceability of food items from factory or source till point of consumption shall be utilized by the university. Technologies that enable identification of the nutritional value of the food items and overall quality shall also be utilized. Documentation linking the source of production, processing, distribution and consumption points shall be part of food traceability process.
- The university shall use food testing labs for periodic quality monitoring of the served food in the campus.
- The university shall procure food from only those suppliers that fully comply with all local laws and regulations regarding labour, health, safety and the environment.
- The university will follow all the statutory and regulatory guidelines and food safety norms provided by the Government of India.

V. Review

This policy will be communicated to the students and employees via internal communication channels, Radio Shoolini TV and to all the stakeholders on the institutional website. The policy, objectives and targets will be reviewed from time to time on regular basis by the Centre of Excellence in Energy Science and Technology which is the coordinating agency for updating and effective implementation through different agencies of the University.