

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND MARKETING PRACTICES

Almendrave is an organisation that represents the principal Spanish exporters of almonds and hazelnuts, constituting 65% of total national exports. Likewise, Sab-Almendrave defends the shared interests of its members, which benefits the supply chain of nuts and consequently, the consumers.

The members of ALMENDRAVE have an active interest in the overall sector of nuts at the national, European and global levels. They are at the forefront of the sector, given that Spain is the world's second largest producer of almonds.

ALMENDRAVE supports the Code of Conduct for Responsible Business and Marketing Practices (hereafter, the Code of Conduct), as a key instrument of the European Commission's From Farm to Fork strategy.

As an Association and on behalf of its members, ALMENDRAVE subscribes to this Code of Conduct, whereby Almendrave undertakes to:

- → Support the goals to which it aspires, as established in this Code (as applicable).
- → Help to promote and circulate this Code.
- → Encourage its members to conduct actions for sustainability and/or business practices keeping in mind the goals and targets included in the Code, and to invite them to voluntarily adhere to this Code, as applicable;
- → Explore the possibility of developing sector-specific tools and resources that support this Code.
- → Provide an annual report of its activities supporting this Code, to be openly published on a website.
- → Continue to engage in dialogue with other stakeholders in the food chain / food systems and European and international policy makers to forge (new) relationships, exchange good practices and discuss the challenges faced; learn from each other (studies, projects), generate better mutual understanding and identify opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

ALMENDRAVE conducts projects and initiatives with its partners as well as with the "Frucom" European Association, which support the goals of the Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:

- → Promoting and facilitating healthy, balanced and sustainable diets.
- → Promoting the consumption of fruits and vegetables, especially nuts.
- → Preventing and reducing food waste.
- → Promoting sustainable methods of production.
- → Creating sustainable value throughout the nut supply chain.
- → Developing the sector's environmental footprint to optimise the supply chain and to reduce the environmental impact of nut consumption.
- → Facilitating sustainable supply.
- → Facilitating sustainable and local trade.

For this task, ALMENDRAVE supports the shared aim of the Code of Conduct to improve sustainability with regard to food consumption patterns for healthy and sustainable diets, within internal processes, operations, and the organisation at the stakeholder level, in coordination with primary producers and other operators.

Sincerely,

Madrid, 21 September 2021

Signed: Pere Ferré i Masdeu PRESIDENT, SAB-Almendrave