EU Platform on FLW – Retail recommendations

Action Code	WHO	WHAT	HOW	WHEN
RET1	Retail	Establish trustful relation with suppliers; share data and information on forecasting to better match supply and demand.	 Coordinate food waste prevention in a joint business plan among supply chain; Promote price transparency and agree on benefit splits; Use digital and automatic ordering to avoid human error; Develop jointly volume demand forecasting, contribute to link primary food production to other markets (process) to avoid landfilling in case of surplus. 	
RET2	Retail	Date marking: agree on accurate date marking to provide long shelf-life without compromising safety or quality. Role of innovation (eg bar codes? Other?)	 Align food sector to agree on common standards; Ascertain consistent date marking in the EU; Promote packaging innovation to longer shelf life; Provide guidance to both food sector and consumers. 	
RET3	Retail	Greater use of food repurposing in store (eg processing unsold fruit/vegetables)		
RET4	Retail	Use consumer research to better understand causes of food waste at home and tailor products, discounts and promotions to help consumers prevent food waste at home.		

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RET5	Retail	Make food waste prevention /reduction a company priority	 Engage and train staff; Agree on clear KPIs; Provide incentives for internal collaboration across company's departments; Train staff on frequently marked down products, support waste prevention etc. 	
RET6	Retail	Monitor, measure and report on food waste quantities in order to identify and take action	 Establish a baseline to measure progress; Establish a monitoring system. 	
RET7	Public authorities	Put in place a favourable framework to encourage food waste reduction.	 Clarify, facilitate and incentivise food waste prevention (eg clarify liability issues; corporate tax credits and VAT rules for food donation); Review/revise the prescribed date marking rules for eggs i.e. 28-day «best before» set in marketing standards and the 21-day «sell by» date. FBOs should determine date marking as for other foods. 	