El Corte Inglés to increase its sustainable offer by at least 5% a year until 2025

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Madrid, 4 August 2022: El Corte Inglés to increase its sustainable offer by at least 5% a year until 2025. The company has more than met this objective in 2021, increasing its commercial offer of sustainable products by over 9% compared to the previous year. The company had a total of 122,329 sustainable references for sale at the end of 2021, both own and external brands.

A sustainable reference is one that has at least one sustainability attribute, which is verified when negotiating with the supplier for the purchase of products.

The sustainability attributes accepted by El Corte Inglés are set out in the Sustainable Product Guide for buyers and suppliers, drawn up by the company’s Sustainability Department in collaboration with the Purchasing and Sourcing Departments and...
specialised external entities, in accordance with internal sustainability criteria, and presented to different contact people of the Stakeholder Working Group.

El Corte Inglés also groups its varied sustainable offer in four programmes designed in the El Corte Inglés Sustainable Product Guide: Local Product, Sustainable Design and Manufacturing, Sustainable Sourcing and Closing the Loop.

In order to achieve these objectives, work is undertaken along two lines: with the company’s own brand, taking into account the different requirements set out in the Sustainable Product Guide; and with external brands, aligning their own strategies with the company’s priorities. The sustainability features most present in the company’s offer are the following:

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El Corte Inglés received the MSC Sustainable Fishing Trajectory Award in recognition of its efforts to increase the supply of certified sustainable fish.

In cosmetics and beauty, the new Clean Beauty line stands out, available in physical and online shops, where sustainable, natural and non-animal-tested cosmetics brands can be found.

In addition, new developments have been made in the field of animal welfare in response to the awareness of animal welfare conditions, such as:

- **European Chicken Commitment** for the company’s own brand: the organisation has adhered to the commitment to renounce the marketing of own brand fast-growing fresh chicken. Thus, 100% of the current supply of this type of chicken comes from slow-growing, animal welfare-certified breeds. The company is working with its suppliers to achieve the targets of this commitment in all its own-brand offerings (whether fresh, frozen or processed chicken) containing 50% or more of chicken by the end of 2026.
• **Fresh cage-free eggs:** El Corte Inglés has already fulfilled its commitment to source 100% of its own brand eggs from cage-free hens and combined systems (floor, free-range or organic). Currently, 100% of the own-brand eggs sold and served in its cafés and restaurants include animal welfare certifications. By 2025, the company will extended also this commitment to fresh eggs from third-party brands and to all own brand products with fresh eggs as an ingredient.

• **Incorporation of the Animal Welfare Certificate in the company’s own brand of white pork sausage (cured ham, sausages, cooked ham and others).** This label has already been introduced on 35% of the references and will reach 50% during the first quarter of the new year.

In 2021, a commitment was made to certify the fresh fish counters at El Corte Inglés by 2022, in accordance with the MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) Chain of Custody Standard. This agreement, which promotes sustainable fishing and the protection of marine ecosystems, is an evolution of previous agreement with MSC; the company already offers 40 references of canned fish with this seal.

All these actions are part of El Corte Inglés' commitment to society and the environment, as well as its spirit of taking the concerns of citizens into consideration.

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