



ALDI UK and Ireland Supplier Information Pack

This document offers prospective suppliers an overview of ALDI's history – covering how we started, our growth and an insight into how we operate





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Overview

Our store concept focuses on optimising efficiency across all areas—from store design and distribution to the selection of products we offer. Our achievements demonstrate that we are both a guiding philosophy and a supermarket.

We have completely reimagined and transformed every part of our operations to enhance product quality and deliver savings to our customers.

Our Philosophy

Our distinctive business approach empowers us to offer top-quality products at the most affordable prices.

This value is achieved through the many efficiencies and innovations we have implemented throughout every stage of our operation.

In our stores, customers will find a curated core range of products to fulfil their main shopping needs.





Our journey so far

1914

Anna Albrecht opened a small food store in store in Essen, Germany

By 1948, her sons took over the business and expanded to four locations

1954

The brothers opened their first self-service store - a first in Germany

1967

More than 200 ALDI South locations

1962

"ALbrecht DIscount" was shortened to **ALDI**

1990

Our first UK store opened in Stechford, Birmingham

1999

Our first IE stores opened

2022

We reached 10% market share and became one of the top four grocer in GB

2017

ALDI became Britain's fifth biggest supermarket

2023

We opened our 1000th UK store in Woking, Surrey

2026

Our state of the art, automated Regional Distribution Centre (RDC) in Bardonia (BRD), Leicestershire will be opening

A lot has changed since we opened our first UK store more than 35 years ago - but one thing has stayed the same: our commitment to making a good life affordable for all our customers.

The way we do this is by delivering great quality, at the lowest prices, while maximising the positive impact we have on people and the planet.

That's how we have gone from strength to the strength over the years, and it will be at the heart of all we do for many years to come.



Giles Hurley
CEO of ALDI GB IE



Where to find us

200+
Ireland
stores

2
IE regional
distribution
centres

1000+
UK stores

12
GB regional
distribution
centres



Who's who in ALDI?

ALDI is full of lots of exciting departments and teams.

We even have a dedicated Business Partner Enablement Team, specifically for you to contact directly with any queries you may have whilst working with us.

The key ones that you would interact with as a supplier are...



National Buying
NBuy



National Supply Chain Management
NSCM



National Buying Administration
NBuyA



Quality Assurance
QA



National Sustainability
NSUST



National Finance and Administration
NFA



Distribution Centre
DC



Brand



What do we look for?

Quality Assurance

Suppliers must provide high-quality products that meet ALDI's standards for safety, consistency, and consumer satisfaction

Competitive Pricing

ALDI aims to offer customers good value, so suppliers should be able to provide competitive pricing without compromising quality

Reliability and Capacity

Suppliers need to demonstrate the capability to consistently meet order volumes and delivery schedules

Compliance and Certifications

Suppliers must comply with legal and regulatory requirements, including food safety standards, environmental regulations, and ethical sourcing policies. Relevant certifications may be required

Sustainability Practices

ALDI places importance on sustainability, so suppliers showing commitment to environmental responsibility and ethical practices are preferred

Innovation

Suppliers who can offer innovative products or solutions that enhance the ALDI product range may have an advantage

Transparency and Communication

Clear and reliable communication, transparency in processes, and willingness to collaborate closely with ALDI are valued





Framework Agreements

ALDI asks all new suppliers to sign up to its Framework Agreements, and the associated Ancillary Documents. These will be sent to you by the Supplier Administration Service Team (SAST) at the beginning of the new supplier process.

ALDI's Framework Agreements lay out how ALDI does business with its suppliers on the ground.

The Agreements also incorporate the GSCOP, the Irish Regulations and the Bribery Act 2010. In addition to the Framework Agreements, you will be asked to review a handful of Ancillary Documents, which provide more detail on the day-to-day policies involved in supplying goods to ALDI.





Groceries Supply Code of Practice (GSCOP)

The Groceries Supply Code of Practice (GSCOP) came into force on 4th February, 2010. It applies to all retailers with grocery sales over £1 billion and ensures that retailers deal with their suppliers fairly and lawfully at all times. Compliance with the Code is monitored by the Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA).

ALDI takes pride in its compliance with the Code, and consistently scores highly in the GCA's Annual Survey for overall compliance and for treating suppliers fairly. ALDI has an appointed Code Compliance Officer (CCO) who is available as an independent point of contact where suppliers can confidentially raise queries and issues relating to our compliance with the Code.

All ALDI colleagues who have regular contact with suppliers receive GSCOP training on a yearly basis and regular meetings are in place between the GCA and the ALDI CCO to ensure our continued compliance with the Code.

The ALDI CCO sends a GSCOP Newsletter to suppliers twice per year, explaining any changes to the Code, giving updates on ALDI's performance in the GCA's Annual Survey, and providing any other relevant information.





Unfair Trading Practices (UTP) Regulations

The Agricultural and Food Supply Chain (Unfair Trading) Regulations 2023 came into force in 2023 in Ireland. Niamh Lenehan is the appointed Agri-Food Regulator.

The Agri-Food Regulator provides the regulatory function and enforcement authority in respect of UTP provisions in the Irish Republic, and acts as a price, market analysis and reporting function.

The regulations apply to any supply agreement where the Business Partner, or Buyer, or both are located in the EU.

At ALDI, applicable colleagues receive training on UTP Regulations on a yearly basis, and work to ensure that all Business Partners are treated fairly, and in line with the regulation.

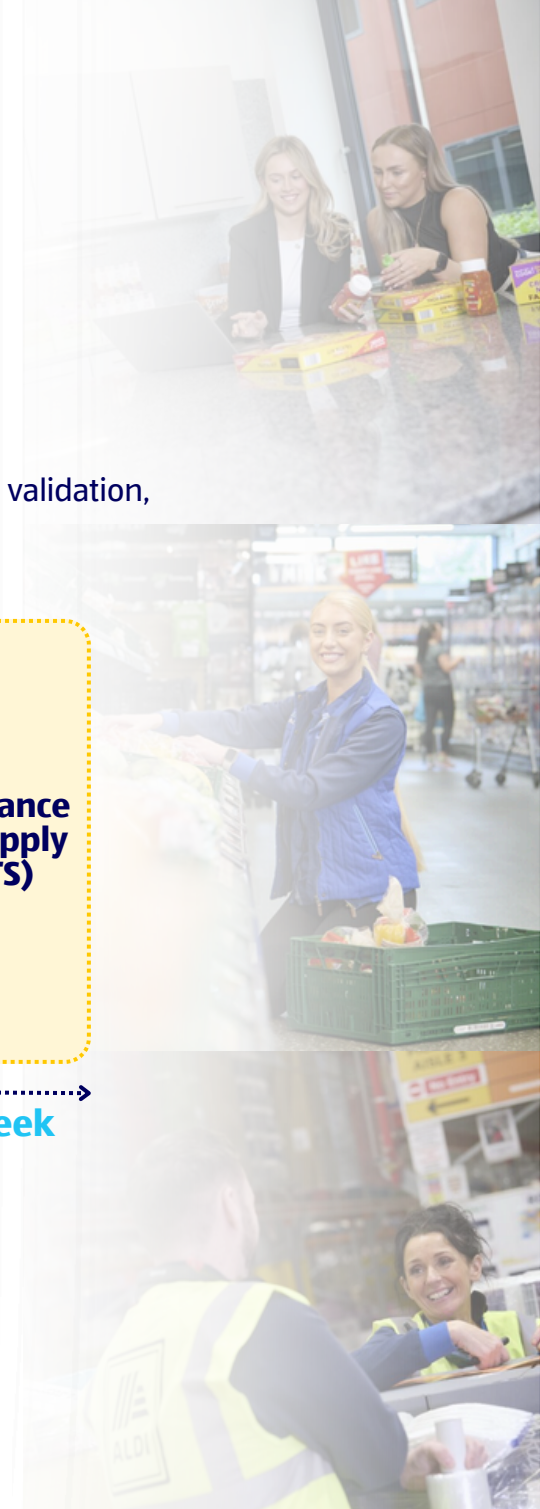
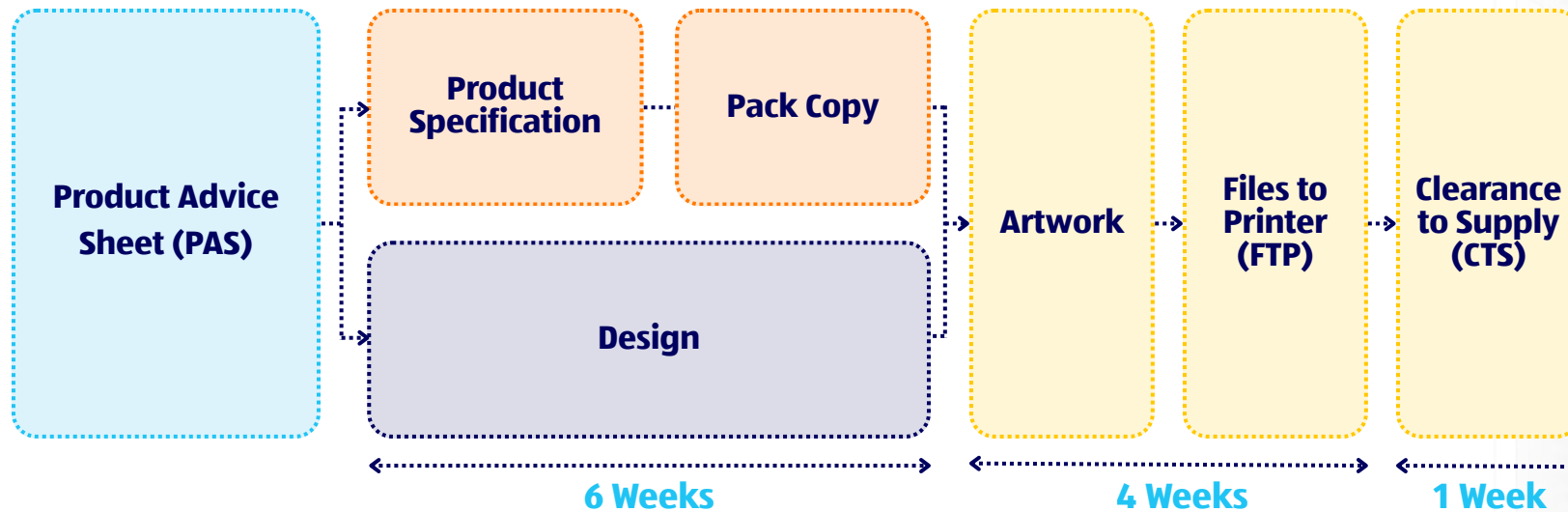




Quality

Product Launch involves a series of crucial steps to ensure products are ready to hit store, on time!

Our teams follow an 11-week critical path for all new products, allowing sufficient time for design, safety and legal validation, and final artwork approval.





National Sustainability

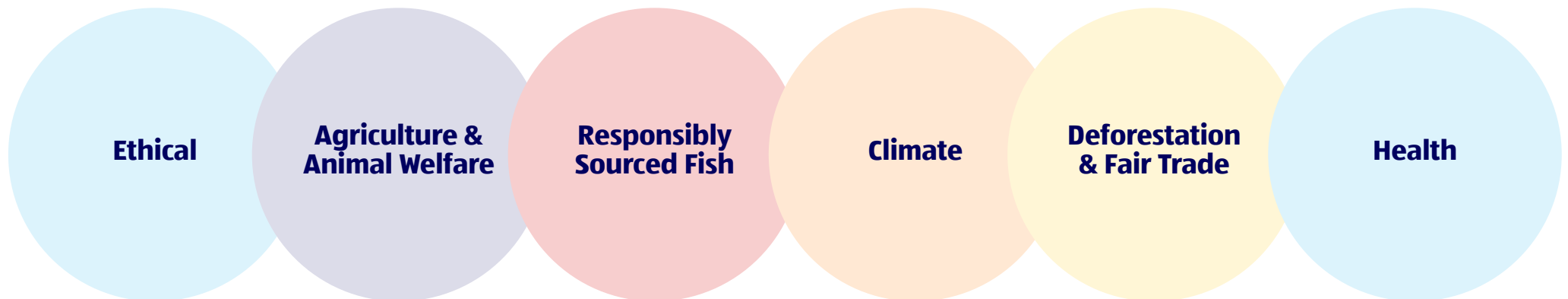


Since 2017, ALDI UK have been in partnership with Teenage Cancer Trust. In 2025, ALDI set a new fundraising goal to raise £20 million by 2031.

Teenage Cancer Trust is the only UK charity focused solely on supporting young people aged 13-24 with cancer. ALDI is committed to helping ensure that no young person has to face cancer alone.

Through cause-related marketing and product sales, often in collaboration with suppliers, ALDI has raised over £13 million for this cause. All suppliers are welcome to actively support the partnership.

Suppliers must comply with all relevant ALDI policies. It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure they familiarise themselves with our policies and in turn brief their manufacturing and grower sites.





Interested in joining us?

If you would like to work alongside ALDI, all you need to do is complete the application form [here](#).

Once you have contacted us, one of our team will be in touch with you as soon as possible to discuss the onboarding process.