

Appendix 1 Organisation VION Food Group

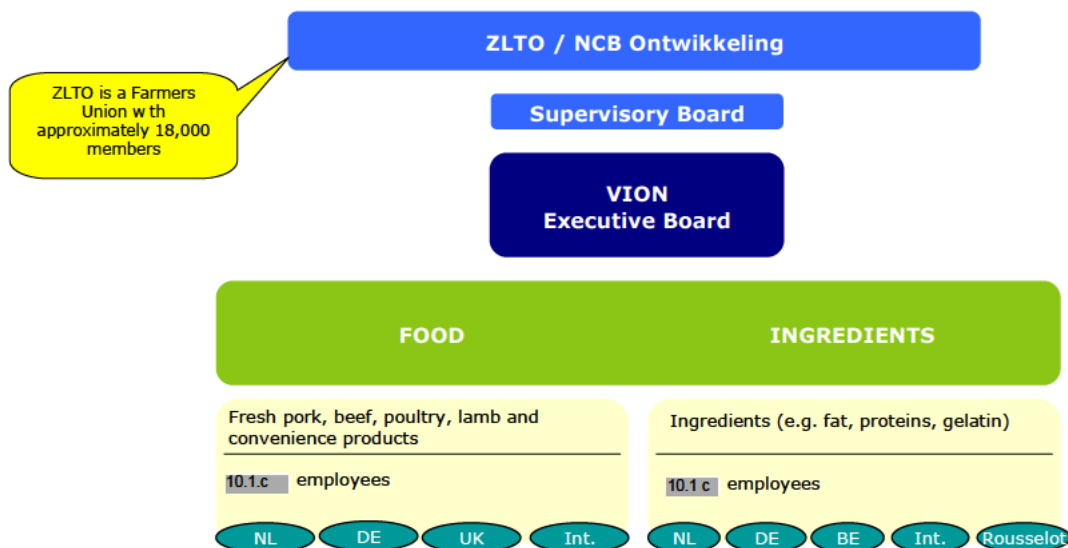
1. The VION Food Group

VION Food Group is an international food company and has production and sales branches on all continents. VION produces high quality foods and ingredients for both humans and animals with 'Passion for better food' as our motto.

VION supplies its products to consumers within and beyond Europe through industrial, retail and food service partners.

VION Food Group has more than 10.1.c staff members worldwide and generates a turnover of 10.1.c. This puts VION among the Netherlands' leading industrial companies, and also makes it one of the largest food companies in the world. The headquarters in the Netherlands develops the strategy and creates the preconditions for the optimum management of the operational companies.

The activities of the VION group are distributed across the two core activities Food and Ingredients which are controlled regionally. Both activities have been anchored at the





Core activities

VION's core activities are Food and Ingredients:

The Food product portfolio comprises fresh pork, beef, lamb and chicken and derived convenience food products, as well as a wide range of vegetarian consumer products, brought to consumers via the retail, industrial and food service sectors.

The Ingredients product range is based on natural raw materials of animal origin. Innovative process technologies form the basis for the development and production of proteins such as gelatine, plasmas and fats. These ingredients are applied widely in various markets, such as the pharmaceutical, technical, food, feed and energy markets.

VION Food

VION Food is active in the efficient, hygienic and high-quality production of fresh pork, beef, chicken and lamb. In addition, VION develops, produces and markets convenience food based on meat and other foodstuffs such as vegetables and vegetarian products.

Global operations

VION Food has slaughtering, processing and production companies for consumer products mainly in the Netherlands, Germany and the UK. VION Food has 10.1.c employees and the organisation is divided into VION Food Netherlands, VION Food Germany, VION Food UK and VION Food International.

VION Food Germany

VION Food Germany produces pork and beef products and derived convenience products which we sell through the retail, industrial and food service sectors.

VION Food Netherlands

VION Food Netherlands is a specialist producer of high-quality pork and beef products as well as derived convenience products, brought to consumers via the retail, industrial and food service sectors. Due to the high degree of self-sufficiency of the Netherlands, VION Food Netherlands is strongly export-oriented.

VION Food United Kingdom

VION Food United Kingdom supplies chicken, pork, beef, lamb and convenience products to the retail, industrial and food service sectors, with a strong focus on the British retail market.

2. VION Food Netherlands

The Fresh Meat activities of VION Food Netherlands encompasses five pig slaughterhouses, two pork cutting plants one sow slaughterhouse, a beef slaughterhouse and a beef cutting plant, all located in the Netherlands.

Table 2.1 shows an overview of all pork processing VION Food Netherlands locations applying for site approval for export to 10.2.a :

Pork Slaughterhouses VION Food Netherlands			
	EC Nr	Activities	Applying for 10.2.a approval
VION Apeldoorn	NL-312	Slaughtering, cutting, packing	✓
VION Boxtel	NL-61	Slaughtering, cutting, packing	✓
VION Helmond	NL-378	Slaughtering, cutting, packing	✓
VION Groenlo	NL-367	Slaughtering, cutting, packing	✓
VION Druten	NL-236	Slaughtering, cutting, packing	✓
Pork cutting plant VION Food Netherlands			
	EC Nr	Activities	Applying for 10.2.a approval
VION Scherpenzeel	NL-82	cutting, packing	✓
VION Doetinchem	NL-404	cutting, packing	✓
Sow slaughterhouse VION Food Netherlands			
	EC Nr	Activities	Applying for 10.2.a approval
Ballering Export	NL-88	Slaughtering, cutting, packing	✓

3 General Quality Management

3.1 HACCP

To be able to deliver the same safe products to all our customers, VION developed a HACCP standard for all VION slaughterhouses and cutting plants (see appendix HACCP). This HACCP standard is based on the Codex Alimentarius. The correct implementation of this HACCP concept is yearly audited by the Dutch competent authority, VWA.

3.2 BRC

All slaughterhouses and cutting plants within VION Food Netherlands are accredited against the BRC Global standard. This standard is a HACCP based standard acknowledged worldwide by the Global Food Safety Initiative. This standard is yearly audited and certified by 10.1.c .

3.3 ISO 9001:2000

The Division VION Food Netherlands is accredited under a ISO 9001:2000 Multi-site scheme. This means that all Dutch VION production plants as well as central staff departments are ISO 9001:2000 audited and certified by 10.1.c .

4 Third Countries

Due to VION's high quality standards, VION Food Netherlands is eligible to export their pork products to third countries with the most stringent demands. Some of these countries are:

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