UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

Ethical Sourcing of Food and Supplies

SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) has a policy on the ethical sourcing of food and supplies: the UzSWLU Sustainable Purchase and Procurement Policy, first approved in September 2021 and revised in January 2025. It applies to all purchases made by the University, from any source of funding, including food, equipment, stationery, services and construction works.

Main provisions

Area	Requirement
Fair labor	Suppliers must comply with labor legislation, must not use forced or child labor, must pay wages on time and must provide safe working conditions
Environment	Preference for products that use less energy and water, contain recycled or recyclable materials, have less packaging and last longer
Food	Priority for local farmers, cooperatives and domestic producers and for seasonal produce; food-safety, veterinary and animal-welfare requirements
Integrity	Open and competitive purchasing, free of corruption and conflicts of interest
Whole-life value	Decisions consider energy use, maintenance and disposal, not only the purchase price
Contracts	New and renewed contracts include a sustainability clause; serious breaches are grounds for termination

Food sourcing in practice

The UzSWLU Sustainable Food Policy (Section 9) gives priority to local farmers, farm cooperatives and domestic producers and sets a target of sourcing at least 60% of fresh produce from producers in Uzbekistan by 2028. Supplier selection takes into account sustainable production practices, product quality and food-safety compliance, in line with the procurement policy.

Implementation

Purchasing is managed by the University's Procurement and Supply Department in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Public Procurement" and the procurement policy. The Department of Administrative Affairs applies the policy to catering, cleaning and building services on campus.

Supporting evidence

- UzSWLU Sustainable Food Policy: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17913929685540.pdf