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Preface - Company principles of Peter Riegel Weinimport GmbH

As a wine importer in the organic sector, we have clear values. We want to operate in a way that future generations also grow up in a humane, livable and healthy environment. For this it is elementary to create an ecological balance. Organic and biodynamic viticulture offer the best conditions for this. We work economically efficient, not with the aim to be the cheapest supplier, but the one with the most attractive offer: seriously calculated prices, good advice and enough time for our customers and suppliers. We build on long-term, fair and stable business relationships. The following principles are essential parts of our company policy and illustrate to future suppliers our requirements for new partnerships. The consideration and fulfillment of these requirements form the basis for our future business relations.

(1) Ecology and sustainability

Our company emerged from an ecological movement and lives from the aspiration to realise ecological principles and to protect nature. Our sustainable actions are characterised by the responsible use of resources. With our long-term and future-oriented way of thinking, we want to take responsibility for people, nature and the environment and preserve them for future generations. That is why we sell products that at a minimum comply with the principles of the EU Organic Regulation and are certified in accordance with it. We also expect this understanding of ecology from our suppliers - in their way of thinking and in their daily actions.

(2) Compliance

We assume that laws, rules and guidelines are adhered to. Acting in accordance with the principles of compliance serves to protect people, nature and the environment. This behaviour and actions are natural for us and we expect the same from our suppliers. This means that we do not trade with suppliers in whose companies corruption, discrimination, child labour, forced labour or corporal punishment are practised or tolerated. We require compliance with the [ILO core labour standards](#). The supplier has to ensure that the working conditions (time, wages, occupational safety, protection of young workers) are complied with in accordance with the legal provisions of the respective country and that there are no precarious working conditions. Referring to the [Amfori complaints](#) office, the supplier shows its employees a way to turn to an independent institution in the event of a problem.

(3) Supplier relationship

The word sustainable does not only apply to the products we sell. We strive for lasting supplier relationships based on partnership and characterised by reliability, quality, honesty and responsibility. Interactions with each other should be fair and human. As an importer, we represent the interests of the producers towards the customers and vice versa. It is important to us that suppliers are well represented in the market. Fair negotiations that take place on an equal footing and comply with EU Directive 2019/633 on unfair trade practices form the basis. Unfair trade practices can be reported anonymously by the supplier to the [German Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food \(BLE\)](#).

(4) Communication and information

In order to be able to react to changes, developments or new requirements at any time, fast and efficient communication is of fundamental importance. For this reason, we make every effort to keep our customers and suppliers constantly informed about current circumstances, as far as they are relevant. We also expect this openness and active communication from our suppliers.

(5) Quality management

The aim of our quality management is that our customers come back - and not our wines. Thereby, we want to supply our customers with a qualitatively good as well as flawless and safe wine. Our quality management ensures that product safety and quality are planned and controlled within the company. Our systematically structured quality management includes food safety, food defence and food fraud, as well as a well thought-out risk and crisis management system. We also expect our suppliers to have an established quality management system that reduces risks to a minimum and identifies them in good time.