

Overall mark: A-

Comment: Top of the Class (joint)

Pesticide policy criterion	2009	2011
1. Publish its residue testing results?		*
2. Action plans to tackle residue problems beyond legal compliance?		
3. Commit to phase out specific hazardous pesticides?		*
4. Stated aim and actions to reduce use of pesticides?		
5. Pest management strategy promotes alternatives to pesticides?		*
6. Technical support for growers to reduce reliance on pesticides?		
7. Info for consumers on pesticide use issues?		
8. Engage with consumers on unnecessary use of pesticides for cosmetic appearance of fruit & vegetables?		
9a. Does it promote pollinator-friendly practices?		
9b. Does it reduce exposure to bee-toxic pesticides?		
10. Address potential loss of pesticides under new EU law?		
11. Phase out plans for PAN International targets for global bans (endosulfan and paraquat)?		
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	6 -	9 -

*indicates a company is not doing quite as much or publishing the same level of information for the given criterion as companies without a *

Overall position among UK companies: Clearly one of the two front runners

Marks and Spencer continues to take a range of measures to reduce pesticide use and eliminate pesticide residues from its supply chains. They screen their produce for a large number of pesticides and maintain updated databases. They support farmers in their supply chain by research and investment to adopt safer alternatives.

Whilst they report on their progress through their CSR reports we would like to encourage them to update their progress more regularly on their website. We would like to see them publish the lists of pesticides they are aiming to reduce and eliminate. We also want to see them engage with the issue of pesticide use for cosmetic purposes with their customers and in their supply chains. Hence we call upon them to:

- Recognise the importance of engaging with customers on cosmetic appearance of food and reduce the amounts of pesticides used just for cosmetic purposes.
- Engage with their customers on pesticide issues by sharing information about their pesticide policy, initiatives and progress on their website.
- Reduce use of bee-toxic pesticides in their supply chains

As a concerned consumer we call upon you to write to Marks and Spencer to recognise their efforts to provide you with safer food and call upon them to expand their areas of focus to include reducing pesticide use for cosmetic purposes whilst progressing in all their interventions.

KEY



The company is taking concrete actions for a specific criterion and describes in some detail the aims and methods



The company works on the issue but gives no detail on how this is implemented, or lacks targets or reporting on progress.



The company may be addressing the issue, but does not provide any information on it, or the information is too vague to judge whether it is making a genuine effort



There is no policy commitment or no information provided for consumers

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Indicates that there is considerably more the company could do to address the issue, or to report their progress or plans. The star therefore indicates that the company is not doing as well in that area as companies with the same 'score' without a star.