

Origin Green Foodservice Charter & Credits System

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1. Overview

Following the launch of the Origin Green programme in 2012 for farmers and food processors, Bord Bia extended the scope of Origin Green in 2016 to cover the full supply chain by inviting retail and foodservice based organisations to participate in the programme.

This document will focus on foodservice companies, which can generally be broken out into two distinct categories:

1. **Foodservice Operators**
2. **Distributors**

In a similar vein to food and drink manufacturers, Origin Green foodservice members develop a multi-annual sustainability plan which is audited and reviewed annually by an independent programme verifier to ensure targets and key milestones are consistently being met. Members develop a multi-annual sustainability plan with time bound targets across three key areas, namely: Sustainable Sourcing; Environment and Social Sustainability.

2. Origin Green Foodservice Charter

2.1 Eligibility Criteria & Entry Requirements

The requirements outlined in Table 1 below must be met at the time of registration to participate in the *Origin Green Foodservice Charter*.

Table 1: Origin Green Foodservice Charter Minimum Entry Requirements

Entry Requirement
Applicants must have a minimum turnover of >€25m per annum in the Republic of Ireland (ROI). In addition, foodservice operators must have a minimum of 10 units/outlets to participate in the <i>Origin Green Foodservice Charter</i> .
Applicants must be able to demonstrate that a robust Food Safety Management System (e.g. HACCP) is in place at relevant units/outlets where food is prepared and/or served.
All sites, units/outlets as outlined in the member's sustainability plan must be based in ROI. No sites, units/outlets outside of this jurisdiction will be eligible for the <i>Origin Green Foodservice Charter</i> . Members that wish to retain sites external to ROI in their overall sustainability plan for the purposes of consolidation are permitted to do so but these sites/units will not be audited or scored by the independent verifier. Furthermore, data related to sites external to ROI must not be included in target metrics.
All sustainability targets established as part of the <i>Origin Green Foodservice Charter</i> must be based around the food, drink and horticultural supply chain.
Applicants must have complete access to a minimum of one full calendar year of relevant data for the preceding year prior to applying for the <i>Origin Green Foodservice Charter</i> (this will ensure baseline data to develop sustainability targets is available from the outset).
Where the sale of food & drink for human consumption represents 30% ¹ or less of a foodservice's overall SKUs or sales revenue, it will be ineligible for the Origin Green Foodservice Charter.
Where retail represents the largest proportion of annual sales revenue, companies will be redirected towards the Origin Green Retail Charter.

¹ This may be subject to change following consultation with an applicant organisation.

2.2 Membership Tiers

At the foodservice level of Origin Green, there is two tiers of membership with differing minimum target requirements. This is outlined below in Table 2.

Table 2: Origin Green Foodservice Membership Tiers

Membership Tiers	Revenue / Turnover	Minimum Targets Required
Tier 1	>€250m	8
Tier 2	>€25m – 250m*	7

*Existing members who have a revenue of <€25m are required to fulfil the Tier 2 requirements.

2.3 Credits System

Table 3 below outlines how sustainability targets are assessed and scored by the programme auditors for Origin Green foodservice members each year as part of the annual review process. The introduction of a credits system for foodservice based members ensures there is a greater level of transparency for how membership of the *Origin Green Foodservice Charter* is achieved and retained, while also displaying a clear methodology for how sustainability target progress is assessed on an ongoing basis.

Table 3: Origin Green Verifier – Annual Review Sustainability Target Performance Scorecard

Sustainability Target Performance	Credits Awarded	Target Grading
Target not attempted (no legitimate effort made to achieve target with no viable evidence of progress).	0	Fail
Target not achieved with a poor attempt made and little evidence of progress.	1	Unsatisfactory
Target may or may not have been achieved but a reasonable and clear effort has been made with clear supporting evidence.	2	Satisfactory
Target achieved with evidence the company has surpassed expectations.	3	Exemplary

2.3.1 Sustainability Targets & Credits Required to Achieve Origin Green Verification

Tier 1 Member Companies - Revenue >€250m

Minimum Targets Required		Verifier Target Performance Scorecard			Annual Credits Requirement
		Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Exemplary	
Tier 1	8	1	2	3	16

Minimum Targets Required	Sustainable Sourcing			Environment				Social Sustainability			
	8	Product and Supplier Certification	Packaging	Supplier Sustainability Partnerships	Emissions	Waste (must incl. Food Waste)	Water	Biodiversity	Employee Wellbeing	Community Engagement	Health and Nutrition
			optional			optional	optional				

Mandatory Target



Tier 2 Member Companies - Revenue >€25m - €250m

Minimum Targets Required		Verifier Target Performance Scorecard			Annual Credits Requirement
		Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Exemplary	
Tier 2	7	1	2	3	14

Minimum Targets Required	Sustainable Sourcing			Environment				Social Sustainability			
7	Product and Supplier Certification	Packaging	Supplier Sustainability Partnerships	Emissions	Waste (must incl. Food Waste)	Water	Biodiversity	Employee Wellbeing	Community Engagement	Health and Nutrition	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
			optional			optional	optional		optional		optional

Mandatory Target

2.4 Close-out Period for Unsatisfactory Target Performance

Companies at the two tiers of the *Origin Green Foodservice Charter* must attain the 'Annual Credits Requirement' for their respective tiers to achieve verification.

If an Origin Green member scores below its tier credit requirement within a given year, remedial measures must be put in place and approved by the programme verifiers before a company can regain its verified membership status. In this scenario, corrective action(s) is outlined with a clear timeline for implementation. This progress is then subsequently assessed via a dedicated follow-up or close-out procedure to determine whether the member in question has implemented the requested action. Progress is also assessed in the subsequent Annual Review or via a spot audit on-site where necessary. The process above may also be repeated where a member has been found to have breached legislative or regulatory requirements.