



Following the conclusive formal adoption of these criteria, the supplementary decisions and interpretations below have been drafted in conjunction with the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals. These decisions/interpretations have not yet been formally adopted and, in the event of exceptional circumstances, are subject to change before being included in the established BLL criteria. In anticipation thereof, certification will be carried out on the basis of these supplementary decisions and interpretations.

Date	Norm no. or topic	Question	Supplementary decision or interpretation
1-2-2022	BLKUI09c, BLKUI23	With incoming Better Life label products, the participant must verify - and with outbound BBL products the participant must ensure - that the scope (species of animal and number of stars) is stated on the product, invoice and packing slip. Must the scope be written out in full?	<p>Abbreviations may be used to state the Better Life label scope on the invoice or packing slip. When a participant's own abbreviations are used, it is mandatory to explain what the abbreviation means elsewhere on the invoice, delivery note or packaging. BLLF recommends using the abbreviations listed below. These abbreviations be used on the invoice or packing slip without further explanation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P = Pig - B = Beef - C = Chicken - CF = Calf - T = Turkey - R = Rabbit - E = Egg - D = Dairy <p>These are the same abbreviations recommended by BLLF in the previous style guide. For example, Better Life label 1-star pork can be indicated using P BL1.</p>



1-2-2022	BLKUI17, Organic dairy	<p>With the introduction of the criteria for three-star dairy , it has been established that organic dairy is no longer considered to automatically satisfy the criteria of the Better Life label 3 stars. How can the industry respond?</p>	<p>When the criteria for 3-star dairy were established, it was decided to maintain a one-year transitional period for products with a single scope of 3-star dairy. As of 24 February 2022, farms are not permitted to produce organic dairy products with a single scope for the Better Life label if they do not satisfy the criteria of the Better Life label. This criteria will not apply yet for compound (multi-scope) products A provisional transitional period until 24 February 2026 applies in this case. Multi-scope products are compound products with several Better Life label scopes such as a cordon bleu, grilled sausage with cheese or lasagne.</p>
22-11-2017	BLKUI09c Entry audit	<p>The criteria describe that when incoming goods are inspected the BLL eligibility must be verified by the Better Life label (including the species of animal and number of stars) being stated on-pack, and on the delivery note and the invoice. At delivery, the invoice is not always present. The invoice can therefore not be verified during the inspection of incoming goods.</p>	<p>At the entry audit, the invoice does not need to be verified. BLL should still be displayed on the invoice. Refer to BLKUI23. This criterion will be amended when the next amendments are introduced. The reference to verifying the invoice at the incoming inspection will be removed. In anticipation of this amendment, this criterion may be interpreted as above.</p>
22-11-2017	BLKUI05 Cross-check/ mass balance procedure	<p>This criterion includes a very detailed description of the cross-check procedure. However, there are companies that use a different method that broadly complies with the objective of the criterion, but do not strictly comply with the description. For example, cross-checking per production step, including within the framework of the Chain of Custody module of the <i>Varken van Morgen</i> label. It is not always possible to trace what the initial stock and final stock at the company in its entirety was. This can be traced to each production step and also provides better information about possible issues.</p>	<p>Other methods of cross-checking/preparing a mass balance of the same level as the procedure described in the criterion are also acceptable. This will be assessed by the inspector on-site. This criterion will be amended when the next amendments are introduced, using the procedure described as an example. This procedure does then not always have to be followed. A different procedure can also be followed if it produces at least the same level of assurance. In anticipation of this amendment, this criterion may be interpreted as above.</p>



<p>22-11-2017</p>	<p>BLKUI15 Combination of a different number of stars</p>	<p>When different BLL products and numbers of stars are combined in the same BLL product, the logo with the lowest number of stars must be displayed on the product. Can the different numbers of stars be stated in the ingredient declaration?</p>	<p>On the final /consumer packaging, only the Better Life label logo with the lowest number of stars may be displayed. A higher number of stars for the various BLL ingredients, if applicable, may be stated in the ingredient declaration. E.g.: a meatball with BLL pork 1 star and BLL beef 2 stars, can be displayed in the ingredient declaration as follows: ingredients declaration: pork (Better Life label 1 star), beef (Better Life label 2 stars), bread, salt, pepper, etc. This criterion will be amended when the next amendments are introduced. The reference to the invoice at the incoming inspection will be removed. In anticipation of this amendment, this criterion may be interpreted as above.</p>
<p>10-5-2016</p>	<p>BLkUI17, BLKI18 Declaring BLL ingredient in non BLL product</p>	<p>May a Better Life label ingredient be declared in the ingredient declaration of non-Better Life label-worthy products (products that do not satisfy the conditions of BLL)? For example, as 'prepared using Better Life label meat'.</p>	<p>The conditions are, among other things, that the % of animal products, which do not satisfy the Better Life Label requirements, may be a maximum of 5.00 % (as calculated over the total final product). In addition, the proportion of the Better Life label product must also be at least 2x as large as the proportion of animal non-Better Life label product. If these conditions cannot be complied with, no reference to BLL must be stated, including in the ingredient declaration. The purpose is to avoid confusion among consumers.</p>