



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
14-08-23	UIT06 Tiered barn	<p>Criterion UIT06 states that the animals are kept in a barn with a maximum of one storey/floor/level. Tiered barns with multiple storeys/floors/levels are excluded from participation in the Better Life label. This does not apply to existing houses that were Better Life label participants before 01/09/2016.</p> <p>Due to the transition to more BLL 1 star broilers, practical possibilities are being sought for broiler farms to participate in the Better Life label with one or more existing tiered barns, in addition to any regularly built barns. Are there possibilities to participate in the Better Life Label with a tiered barn?</p>	<p>The Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals has decided to amend criterion UIT06 as follows: 'The animals are kept on a maximum of one storey/floor/level'. This means that only one storey/floor/level may be used for keeping animals (both BLL animals and non-BLL animals) and that the other storeys/floors/levels are not used for production (are unsuitable for keeping animals).</p> <p>The storey/floor/level used for keeping the animals must have the possibility to realise a covered/free run. This level is therefore located on the ground floor.</p> <p>The non-use for production of other storeys/floors/levels means that the feed and drinking water facilities must be absent. Also, no litter and/or manure residues may be present on the storeys/floors/levels that are not used for production.</p>