



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
25-08-17	Spent laying hens	Can Better Life-certified laying hens also be used to produce BLL chicken when they are slaughtered?	Better Life-certified laying hen farms can sell spent BLL laying hens for the production of chicken meat. The chicken meat will receive the same number of stars as the eggs (as stated on the BLL certificate). The spent BLL laying hens must be slaughtered by a poultry abattoir approved by the BLLF. This is generally only possible at abattoirs that are specialised in slaughtering spent laying hens.
1-09-16	UIT06 Multistorey sheds	Are barn and free-range sheds for laying hens with a maximum of two storeys permitted only on existing Better Life farms, or also on new Better Life farms?	Barn and free-range sheds for laying hens with a maximum of two storeys are (always) exempt from the prohibition on multistorey sheds. The exemption applies to both existing and new participants. This is consistent with local legislation in The Netherlands (for instance, in Brabant (due diligence score) and Overijssel). Multistorey sheds are excluded from the Better Life label since the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals believes that animals should, in principle, be able to roam freely (be free-range). In multistorey sheds, the possibilities for creating these conditions are either non-existent or too limited. In addition, multistorey sheds are too closely associated with factory farming amongst the general public.
12-12-12	001a Covered run	Must a covered run (BLL 1 star) always be covered?	Yes, that is part of the concept. Covering the run encourages the laying hens to go outside and improves the quality of the litter in the run (drier).