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RESPONSIBILITY FOR QUALITY

We consider **quality** a **personal responsibility**, which is why we audit our suppliers' farms and the areas where our ingredients are grown – worldwide.

THE ERLENBACHER GUARANTEE – OUR INGREDIENTS ARE:

- **Free from** colourings
- **Free from** artificial flavourings
- **Free from** preservatives
- **Free from** hydrogenated vegetable fats and oils

100% GERMAN FRESHNESS

We **predominantly** use **fresh dairy products** from Germany for our Erlenbacher **branded range**.

2800 TONNES OF FRESH APPLES

... go into our products every year.

- Our apples are **freshly peeled** and **sliced** at the start of every production process and **swiftly baked** into delicious treats.
- Fun fact: our **vegan apple cake** has become a **best-seller** thanks to apple cake enthusiasts around the world. Have you tried it yet?

7 STEPS TO WELL-SOURCED STRAWBERRIES

1. Before harvesting:
Farmers inspect the **quality** of the fruits on a daily basis
2. In the fields:
The strawberries are **picked** individually **by hand**
3. **Meticulous processing:**
The strawberries are washed, hulled, halved and frozen
4. **Inspection upon delivery** at Erlenbacher:
We examine the colour, aroma and size
5. **Careful** processing in our production facility
6. Inspection of the finished product by **internal** and **external testing bodies**
7. Packaging and shipping:
Compliance with cold chain requirements, to ensure product safety

RECYCLING MATTERS!

- We separate out our plastic containers and compress waste film into bales. By doing so, we helped to mechanically **recycle** approximately **37 tonnes of plastic** in 2023. This is enough to produce approximately 700,000 1.5-litre reusable plastic bottles.
- In 2023, we also **recycled** approximately **342 tonnes of cardboard packaging** – equivalent in weight to around 100 fully grown elephants.
- We **recycled** approximately **50 tonnes of scrap metal** from our fruit cans in 2023. The same quantity could be used to produce 2000 km of 2 mm-diameter wire.

SAVING ENERGY

- By modernising our facilities and improving our insulation, we were able to **save** around **180,000 kWh of natural gas** in 2023. This is enough to supply 6 detached houses with gas for a whole year.
- By optimising our processes and replacing one of our compressors, we **saved** around **39,000 kWh of electricity** in 2023. The same amount of electricity could be used to toast approximately 5 million slices of bread.

7983 YEARS OF EMPLOYEE EXPERTISE

Every year adds up – which is why our **employees' extensive experience** is truly priceless.

30 NATIONALITIES

Each one strengthens the team on our site in Groß-Gerau. We're driven by this **diversity** – and **proud of it!**

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

We're passionate about protecting people's livelihoods and the natural world, which is why we're committed to using certified raw materials. Our cocoa and hazelnuts are **99% Rainforest Alliance** certified and the palm oil we use is **100% RSPO SG certified**.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We're always pushing the boundaries when it comes to sustainability and never rest on our laurels. **Ideas** and **challenges** relating to **sustainable** practices and their **profitability** **continue** to drive us forward.

SUSTAINABLE