

Category Technologist – Responsible Sourcing

Location: Yeo Valley HQ, Blagdon

Job level: 6S

Salary: £30 - 40,000pa DOE

Closing Date: Friday 7 June 2019

If you are passionate about sustainable food production to protect global ecosystems, sourcing ethically from trusted suppliers and generally doing the right thing, then we have ambitious plans at Yeo Valley and want to hear from you.

So what will I be doing?

Reporting to the Supplier Technical Manager, you will be the expert for Yeo Valley on all areas of responsible sourcing, setting and delivering an ambitious policy. Engaging with retailers and key stakeholders you will ensure we are leading the way, exceeding our customer's expectations. As a key member of the raw materials team you will also have the responsibility for a defined category of ingredients for which you will manage all aspects of food safety and quality.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Engaging with retailer customers and the Yeo Valley brand team, presenting and taking a lead in all responsible sourcing projects.
- Having a thorough understanding of retailer codes of practice on sustainability and ethical trading.
- Influencing people at all levels of the business.
- Ensuring compliance to certified assurance schemes such as Fair Trade, RSPO and UTZ.
- Tracking compliance to ethical sourcing policies in the supply chain.
- Working closely with the suppliers in your category, reducing food safety risks and improving quality.
- Engaging with associations and bodies as appropriate, attending and presenting at relevant seminars and conferences.
- Being proactive in continuously improving ways of working and processes.

Sounds interesting, what do I need?

Essential skills:

- A demonstrable passion for and keen interest in all matters relating to responsible sourcing.
- Knowledge of sustainable sourcing certification systems.
- Knowledge of implementing the Ethical Base Code and tools such as Sedex.
- At least two years' experience in a food manufacturing environment.
- Great influencing and people skills.
- Experience of auditing and managing ingredient suppliers.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.

Desirable skills:

- Lead Auditor qualification
- Degree in Food Science, Sustainable Agriculture or related discipline
- Level 4 HACCP
- Level 4 Food Hygiene

How do I apply?

To apply please send a copy of your CV and a covering letter to careers@yeovalley.co.uk

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Please bear in mind that our closing dates are used as a guide for when the application window is expected to close. We reserve the right to close the application window sooner than the date displayed if we can. **We therefore recommend that you get your application in straight away – and don't miss the opportunity to join us!**

Why should I join the family?

At Yeo Valley we are independent, British and proud to be making the highest quality yogurts, desserts and ice cream under the Yeo Valley brand and for many of the UK's major retailers. Operating from four dairies and two logistics centres in Somerset and Devon, we employ over 1700 staff and produce more than 25% of the UK's packaged yogurt.

We're sure you don't need convincing, but there's a whole host of benefits that we offer including: 25 days' holiday, plus bank holidays, pension scheme, healthcare, childcare vouchers, cycle to work scheme, subsidised products and services and preferable rates with our partners.