

Martin & Servera welcomes the audit done by Swedwatch. As their report shows, this is a very important matter. Together with the industry and policymakers all over the world, we have a responsibility to secure that working conditions in factories is improved and that framework, conventions and guide lines are followed in Thailand – and in the rest of the world.

Martin & Servera buys poultry products through European importers (Findus, EuroPoultry, Kalino Foods and BPI), that in turn have subcontractors in Thailand. Out of Martin & Serveras' total sale of poultry meat, nearly 12 % is Thai chicken products. Unlike the figure of 5-6 % that Åke Johansson mentions in the report, this figure includes processed products where Thai chicken is included but the product has not been labeled with Thailand as country of origin.

Out of all the chicken that Martin & Servera sells, 11,9 % origins from Thailand. The rest comes from countries such as Sweden, Denmark and Lithuania. The main part of the Thai chicken is sold to customers in the private sector. Only 10 % is sold to customers within the public sector.

Swedwatch mentions in the report that Martin & Servera did not implement the UNGP in its sustainability report 2014. This process was initiated during this fall and will now advance at a higher pace thanks to the Swedwatch report.

Swedwatch have done an important work with the review. To us, the report emphasizes that we need to improve our control systems when it comes to subcontractors. It is not acceptable that restaurants, schools and retirement homes serve chicken products that have been produced under the circumstances described in the Swedwatch report. We have now started a dialogue with our subcontractors and we will also prepare our own review/audit on site in Thailand.