



Commitment to Support:

100% Sustainable Palm Oil in Europe by 2020

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Palm oil is the most produced and traded vegetable oil in the world; it is an important ingredient for food, feed and fuel or oleo chemical products. Since 2000, the production of palm oil has doubled. It is expected to increase even more in the near future, as worldwide demand for vegetable oils is growing. If not carefully managed, increased production could come at the expense of forests and biodiversity and ignite social conflict. However, a sustainable management and production of palm oil with environmental protection and socio-economic benefits is possible. Therefore, the signing parties share a common interest to promote the use and growth of *sustainable* palm oil.

We declare to work together and support each other in transforming towards a 100% sustainable palm oil supply chain¹ in Europe by 2020.

We aim to achieve this through actions such as the following:

- defining sustainable palm oil as a stepping stone approach, working towards RSPO certified (or equivalent) at minimum, and aim to build upon existing declarations and commitments on sustainable palm oil in Europe;
- coordinating the activities and targets of the National Initiatives as indicated in Annex 2, supporting each other in fulfilling our commitments on sustainable palm oil, through regular meetings and possible joint actions;
- developing specific, time bound and cost effective action plans to overcome the various challenges in sourcing sustainable palm oil;
- working together to monitor and report on the progress and uptake of sustainable palm oil in Europe annually;
- supporting and participating in developments in the area of traceability², leading to a more transparent and sustainable palm oil supply chain;
- the national commitment to which a company or association is committed is prevailing.

We call upon all other stakeholders in the European palm oil supply chain and European governments to join our forces and increase the uptake of sustainable palm oil in Europe.

¹ Palm oil supply chain is defined as all palm oil and palm kernel oil products.

² IDH convened a working group on traceability for key sector players, to create common definition of traceability and agreement on how to reach it.

Signed

- Belgian Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil
- Danish Food and Drink Federation Initiative
- Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil
- German Forum Sustainable Palm Oil
- French Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil
- Food and Drink Federation - UK Statement on Sustainable Palm Oil signatory
- Italian Union for Sustainable Palm Oil
- Swedish Initiative for Sustainable Palm Oil

We, European sector organizations working with Palm Oil and gathered in the European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group, will support the above mentioned initiatives in their work, and promote activities targeting a more sustainable Palm Oil supply chain throughout Europe.

Signed

- Caobisco, the Association of Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery Industries of Europe
- FEDIOL, European Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry Federation
- IMACE, European Margarine Association

Annex 1

The 'Commitment to support: 100% Sustainable Palm Oil in Europe by 2020' is a European Sustainable Palm Oil (ESPO) initiative. ESPO's contact persons are:

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Annex 2

Belgian Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil

The Belgian Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil is an association between different stakeholders of the palm oil chain based in Belgium. The members of the Belgian Alliance undertake that by 2020 all the food products containing palm oil, and that are produced by the members for the Belgian market, will only contain “sustainable palm oil”. A first step is the use of 100% certified RSPO Palm Oil for these products on the Belgian market by the end of 2015.

For the Belgian Alliance, “sustainable Palm Oil” means:

- Palm oil, certified according to RSPO
- Palm oil from well-known origins and hence a traceable oil^[1]
- Palm oil which does not contribute to deforestation and which preserves:
 - Forests with High Conservation Values (HCVs)
 - High Carbon Stock Areas (HCS)^[2]
 - Peat lands, irrespective of their depth
- Palm oil which reduces the greenhouse gas emissions thanks to the use of ‘Best Practices’ (see RSPO ‘Best Practices’)
- Palm oil which respects the rights of the workers, local communities and population, based on the principle of free, prior and informed consent of the communities
- Palm oil that promotes the development of small and independent farmers by involving them in the supply chain.

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And see <http://www.duurzamepalmolie.be> – www.huiledepalmedurable.be

Danish Food and Drink Federation Initiative

The Danish Food and Drink Federation leads the initiative on sustainable palm oil in Denmark. The members that endorse the initiative commit to, at a minimum, have all palm oil GreenPalm certified by 2016, and no later than the end of 2018, the initiative aims to have 100% segregated certified palm oil.

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^[1] We strive for traceability up to the plantation level. When this is practically not feasible, the traceability will be at least up to mill level and a risk analysis will be conducted. If the risk analysis shows that the mill uses fruits that are probably not produced in a sustainable way, then it is necessary to analyze further/trace back to plantation level in order to undertake measures for improvement.

^[2] High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests contain primary forests and high, medium and low density forests and the regenerating forests. « Golden Agri-Resources » and SMART have developed, in cooperation with Greenpeace and TFT, a frame which allows to identify “HCS” forests. This frame is being tested, developed and standardized under the supervision of the “HCS Steering Group”. Other definitions will be accepted providing they are scientifically correct and recognized by independent stakeholders. The Belgian Alliance seeks to harmonize the definition of “High Carbon Stock” (HCS) recognized by the RSPO.

Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil

The Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil (DASPO) is a collaboration between eight food and feed associations in the Netherlands. The DASPO is the successor of the Task Force Sustainable Palm Oil : the first national commitment to use 100% RSPO (or equivalent) certified palm oil by the end of 2015. The Task Force reported 72% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil processed in the Netherlands in 2014 and expects the results of 2015 by mid-2016. The DASPO members remain committed to this ambition and want stimulate the use of Mass Balance and Segregated RSPO (-or equivalent) certified sustainable palm oil. The DASPO also pleads for the continuous improvement of sustainability standards like the RSPO with e.g.: no peat land, protection of High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests and the support of smallholders. The DASPO continues to monitor the use of sustainable palm oil in the Netherlands in their annual reports.

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French Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil

Founded in 2013, the French Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil brings together companies and professional organizations. Its aim is to develop and then spread the use of sustainable palm oil. Sustainable means: no deforestation, environmental friendly and respectful of biodiversity and local populations.

Its members are committed to using 100% certified RPSO palm oil in their products by the end of 2015, and have committed to even more stricter conditions for 100% of their supplies by 2020.

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www.huiledepalmedurable.org or www.stop-deforestation.org.

German Forum Sustainable Palm Oil

The German Forum Sustainable Palm Oil (FONAP) is a collaboration between the private sector including retailers, NGOs, and the German Government. All members already achieved using 100% certified palm oil at the end of 2014. They have further committed to a publicly available road map with intermediate goals to achieve 100% physical supply latest in 2020. Additionally they demand voluntary add-on criteria to further strengthen certification systems. By those measures they support in achieving the tipping point towards 100% certified sustainable palm oil in Germany.

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Italian Union for Sustainable Palm Oil

The “Italian Union for Sustainable Palm Oil” (Unione Italiana per l'Olio di Palma Sostenibile) was founded in October 2015 and will become fully operational as from February 2016. It brings together Companies committed to 100% Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) and Sector Associations committed to promote CSPO corporate culture with the aim to:

- Engage other stakeholders
- Carry out communication activities and in-depth analysis and surveys to stimulate and monitor the use of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil
- Promote the continuous improvement of sustainability standards

The Italian Union for Sustainable Palm Oil supports the initiative targeting a 100% sustainable palm oil supply chain in Europe by 2020.

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Swedish Initiative for Sustainable Palm Oil

The Swedish Initiative for sustainable palm oil aims to use exclusively certified palm oil that is in line with RSPO's criteria by the end of 2015. The initiative is coordinated by the Swedish Food Federation and applies to food produced in Sweden.

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UK Statement on Sustainable Palm Oil - Food and Drink Federation

The Food and Drink Federation is part of the UK Statement on Sustainable Palm Oil. The UK Statement set out a commitment to work towards achieving 100% sourcing of credibly certified sustainable palm oil by the end of 2015.

The statement is co-ordinated by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and involves UK sector associations with a significant membership interest in the supply or use of palm oil, alongside Government and NGOs. Relevant sectors include oil processors and distributors, food and drink manufacturers, retailers, animal feed manufacturers, zoos & aquariums, hospitality, renewable energy, cleaning products and speciality chemicals. The NGOs include WWF and ZSL.

For more information - see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-production-of-palm-oil-uk-statement> and <https://www.fdf.org.uk/sustainable-palm-oil.aspx>