



Palm Oil Policy

Summary

Premier Foods is a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). Our membership commits us to actively support the continuation of the Roundtable process and advancing the production, procurement, and use of sustainable palm oil products. Likewise, we require our palm oil suppliers to sign up as a condition of supply.

We are committed to playing our part in helping to prevent damaging deforestation and respecting the human rights, customs and culture of different communities and indigenous populations.

Premier Foods sources 100% certified sustainable palm oil, from either a segregated or mass balance supply chain, therefore all of our palm oil is certified to the no deforestation, no conversion, no exploitation, no peat (NDPE) RSPO policies.

BM TRADA, the leading independent certification body, has certified all our sites that handle palm oil as having RSPO approved traceability systems capable of guaranteeing the use of palm oil from sustainable sources.

In addition, it is our policy that the bulk palm oil we purchase is from suppliers who have traceability back to the producing mills.

Policy Detail

Premier Foods is committed to creating great food which our consumers love – food that is tasty, easy to prepare and reliable with a meaningful heritage, which resonates in the UK and our markets around the world. As one of Britain's largest branded food producers, we supply a wide range of retail, wholesale, foodservice, and other customers with some of Britain's best loved brands. We aim to ensure that we continually deliver value and quality across all our products.

Premier Foods is concerned about the environmental and social impacts linked to the procurement of palm oil from across the world. The company is aware that areas of tropical rainforest are being converted to agricultural use to facilitate the extension of palm oil plantations in order to enable the economic development of this region.

Premier Foods understands the benefits that palm oil offers globally over other vegetable oils: the yield per acre is much better than other vegetable oil crops, using proportionately less land, six times less than soya, for example. Growing palm fruit also requires lower amounts of pesticides, fertilizers, and fuel than other types of food oil.

Premier Foods and our palm oil suppliers are all members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), an organisation whose mission is to assure palm oil contributes to a better world by advancing the production, procurement, and use of sustainable oil palm products. We require that our suppliers follow the development, and implementation, of the RSPO guidelines to ensure that we are at the forefront of sourcing sustainable third-party certified palm oil as it becomes available.

Since the beginning of 2010, 100% of the palm oil used by Premier Foods has been sourced, as a minimum through the Green Palm programme and since early 2015 Premier Foods has sourced 100% certified sustainable palm oil. We are committed to playing our part in helping to prevent damaging deforestation and respecting the human rights, customs and culture of different communities and indigenous populations.

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Premier Foods is committed to respect Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in the Palm Oil Supply chain.

Manufacturing sites producing for retailers under their own brands will, in addition, work to ensure compliance with their policies on this issue.

Regulations

Until 2014 there was no requirement to label the species origin of vegetable oils in Ingredient Lists on food labelling. Palm oil, coconut oil, rapeseed oil etc could all be labelled as 'vegetable oil'. This situation changed following publication of Regulation EU No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers. This Regulation requires that for any food manufactured after 13th December 2014 the origin of the vegetable oil must be indicated. This change was driven specifically by the desire of the legislators to increase the visibility of palm oil use in foods and designed to lead to increased consumer pressure for palm oil used to be only from certified sustainable sources or to be replaced.

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