

Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIBLE PALM OIL PRODUCTION



WHAT IS THE RSPO?

The RSPO is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative for certified sustainable palm oil products. It is a voluntary membership organization that partners with stakeholders from the seven palm oil industry sectors to develop and implement global standards for sustainable palm oil production and procurement.

Certification builds client trust and drives sustainability improvements through transparency of practice and adherence to robust environmental and social requirements.

It covers all supply chain actors to ensure that every stage indicates a commitment to sustainable practices. As a palm and kernel oil batch moves through the supply chain, there are four RSPO-approved mechanisms for trades:

Identity Preserved (IP): Separation and full traceability of RSPO-certified palm oil and its derivatives throughout the supply chain. It must be isolated from the grower to the final user, so it can be uniquely traced.

Segregation (SG): Palm oil from certified mills is kept apart from conventional palm oil. Until the final refinery, all movements of certified palm oil are reported, so it can be traced to certified plantations. After the refinery, third-party certification ensures the chain's integrity.

Mass Balance (MB): Palm oil from certified mills is mixed with conventional palm oil during transportation and storage. Until the final refinery, any movements of mixed palm oil are administratively monitored, with companies not allowed to sell more sustainable palm oil than they have purchased.

Book and Claim (BC): Palm oil from certified mills is handled with conventional palm oil. In the chain, no movements or transactions are monitored. Producers sell volume credits to end users, allowing them to claim that equivalent oil volumes have contributed to RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil production.

WHY IS THE RSPO IMPORTANT?

Palm oil is used in numerous everyday food products. With greater yields than soybean, rapeseed and sunflower oil, the demand for palm and kernel oil is increasing.

Sustainable palm oil production is at the forefront of the industry compared with other oil crops, but there are concerns growing demand could lead to the rapid and ill-managed expansion of palm oil production.

WHAT WE OFFER

We are recognized as the benchmark for quality and integrity in certification for the industry.

Wherever you operate, our experts are ready to help you align with the requirements while meeting changing consumer and stakeholder demands.

Whether you need an initial audit, annual assessment or recertification after five years, we can support you end to end.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The initiative is for palm oil value chain-related organizations, including producers, processors, traders and consumer product manufacturers.

KEY BENEFITS

Certification enables you to:

- Position your product as sustainably produced
- Prove you follow responsible management practices
- Showcase an in-depth social and environmental awareness program
- Address consumer demands for sustainably produced products
- Positively connect global palm oil supply chain actors
- Support growers in improving agricultural practices
- Help growers to connect with trusted traders, buyers, processors and retailers

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