

Palm Oil Sourcing Policy

Introduction:

Indigo Food Group recognises the importance of palm oil as a valuable and versatile ingredient in our food production processes. As a responsible and sustainable food manufacturer, we are committed to ensuring all palm oil is sourced in a manner that aligns with our values of quality, sustainability, and social responsibility.

Scope:

In line with our customer requirements, all palm oil used must be Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Certified Sustainable palm oil via segregated supply chain¹. This policy is applicable to all palm oil used in Indigo Food Group products. Suppliers providing these materials share the responsibility of meeting the requirements detailed this policy.

Purpose:

To ensure that all palm oil and derivatives used in our products does not contribute to deforestation or the conversion of natural ecosystems² (with a cut-off date of 2020³).

Implementation and Governance:

This policy has been developed to meet our customer requirements. Indigo Food Group have aligned our requirements with the UK food sector and EU legislation to maximise uptake and minimise the impact on suppliers of market transformation. These policy commitments must also ensure the protection of indigenous and community land rights. Where possible palm oil has been removed from product specifications, and is only used where specific technical, quality or functional characteristics of palm oil is required. We expect our suppliers to share our commitment to deforestation and conversion free palm oil and to be transparent regarding their certification.

Monitoring and Reporting:

In line with the requirements of RSPO, we will monitor and report on annual usage of palm oil, percentage of usage certified, and which certification schemes are used. This palm oil policy reflects Indigo Food Group's commitment to producing high-quality food products while minimising our environmental impact and contributing to the well-being of communities and ecosystems.

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¹ <https://rspo.org/as-an-organisation/certification/supply-chains/> ² Indigo Food Group uses the AFI (<https://accountability-framework.org/>) definition of deforestation and conversion of natural ecosystems ³ Cut-off date refers to the last date when palm oil from areas of deforestation and conversion is permitted into the supply chain – i.e., if the land was converted in 2019 it will be classed as compliant