



RSPO Supply Chain Certification

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How does palm oil affect your business?

Over 50 million tonnes of palm oil is produced each year globally, supplying over 30% of the world's vegetable oil production. Palm oil can be present in a wide variety of products, such as bakery goods, confectionary, shampoo, cosmetics, cleaning agents and toothpaste. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, this single vegetable oil is found in 40-50% of household products within Australia.

The way in which palm oil is sourced affects the sustainability of eco-systems, economic development and the well-being of millions of people in indigenous communities. The use of un-sustainable palm oil is becoming increasingly unpopular, damaging brand reputation and affecting the sustainability footprint of businesses globally throughout the supply chain.

Growth in palm oil production has increased tenfold since 1980, and now stands at around 50 million tonnes per year and projections see 50 percent further growth by 2050. The area occupied by palm oil cultivation has expanded globally by 43 percent since the 1990s.¹

As a result, food and non-food related companies are faced with increased pressure to prove that they have acquired the palm oil used in their products from an ethical and sustainable source.



What is RSPO?

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is a not-for-profit organization which was founded in 2004. Their aim is to promote the production and use of sustainable palm oil for people, the planet and prosperity. Decision making members of the RSPO represent the 7 sectors of the palm oil industry - growers, processors and traders, manufacturers, environmental and social NGOs, banks and investors and retailers.

What is RSPO Supply Chain Certification?

RSPO Supply Chain Certification Systems is an independent chain of custody certification which aims to prove that palm oil has been acquired in a sustainable and ethical way from a certified grower. This standard applies to the entire supply chain following production, including refining, processing, transportation, distribution and manufacturing to provide your business with the traceability required to demonstrate the sustainability of your palm oil. By achieving certification you can prove that you are meeting the expectations of customers and end users in a commitment to the sustainability of palm oil production.

What are the benefits?



¹ Palm Oil in Australia - Facts, Issues and Challenges, Net Balance Foundation, March 2013

Types of RSPO Supply Chain Certification

To be RSPO Supply Chain certified, all operators in the chain need to be RSPO members and certified. The three methods available to achieve certification are:

- 1. Segregation** - Physical isolation from non-certified palm oil sources (allows mixing with other certified palm oil)
- 2. Mass balance** - Refers to a mix of certified and non-certified palm oil to ensure that the volume of certified palm outputs never exceeds the certified inputs
- 3. Identity preserved** - Physical isolation from other palm oil sources.

Palm oil will continue to be used in the long term, meaning the challenge in coming years will be to meet current and future demand in a sustainable manner

RSPO certification audits can be conducted as single or multi-site:

- Single Site** - For organizations that only operate within a single site, or only interact with palm oil products on a single area of operation, the audits will focus on the single location.
- Multi-Site** - For organizations who operate with multiple sites, each site that interacts with palm oil products will be assessed, with the focus being the central office which runs the operations.

We can offer RSPO Supply Chain Certification audits in conjunction with audits against other standards and programs offered by BSI to increase efficiency and reduce cost.

RSPO Supply Chain Certification process:



Why choose BSI?

We've helped shape the majority of the most widely used and implemented international standards, including ISO 9001 for Quality Management and ISO/IEC 27001 for Information Security.

We're also leading the development of standards in the food sector and have published PAS 220 – Food Safety for Food Manufacturing, PAS 223 – Design Requirements for Food Safety in Manufacturing and Provision of Food Packaging and PAS 7000 – Supply Chain Management. We're also on the FSSC Board of Stakeholders.

Our standards developers, assessors and tutors include some of the world's leading food safety experts who can assist your business. We bring together experts and innovators to tackle the ever-changing issues facing the whole supply chain in the agri-food and food safety sectors. We've also led a number of key initiatives including the development of pre-requisite programmes (PRPs) and we are a member of the RSPO Round Table.

With over 2,800 food and agri-food standards in our portfolio, we're well positioned to support the industry and supply chain challenges including food safety, food scarcity, sustainability, land usage, energy, water and corporate social responsibility issues.

As a Royal Charter company, with 65 offices worldwide, we have the global reach to help your organization, large or small. We help you make a difference not only to your business, but also to secure the sustainability of food production for future generations and improve the well-being of everyone.

Talk to one of our advisors today and tell us what you need. In the meantime please visit bsigroup.com/en-IN for more information about BSI's Supply Chain service offering.

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