

RSPO

Principles and Criteria (P&C)



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The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative with the vision to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm. A principal objective is to promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil through cooperation within the supply chain. To achieve this,

the RSPO developed a set of environmental and social criteria in 2008 for the production of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) to minimize negative impacts from the palm oil plantations and their supply chains.

RSPO standards for oil palm plantations and their supply chains provide assurance that the standard of palm oil production is environmentally and socially sustainable. Producers may claim that they produce, use and/or sell sustainable palm oil if they are RSPO-certified. BSI is globally accredited to the RSPO scheme by the Accreditation Services International (ASI) for Principles and Criteria (P&C) and Supply Chain Certification Standard. The RSPO is a full member of the ISEAL Alliance, the global membership organization for sustainability standards.

The *RSPO Principles and Criteria for the Production of Sustainable Palm Oil* (RSPO P&C) are a series of principles, criteria, indicators and guidance, applicable before, during and after any land is developed for oil palm plantings for palm oil growers and millers to implement sustainable production practices. These are supported by a National Interpretation (NI) of the RSPO P&C which provides a country-specific context to the application of the RSPO Principles and Criteria. The RSPO New Planting Procedure (NPP) specifies a sub-set of RSPO P&C that must be independently evaluated prior to any development of new plantings.

RSPO-RED detail RSPO requirements for compliance with the EU Renewable Energy Directive, used in conjunction with RSPO Principles & Criteria and the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard. Further information is available from the RSPO website: <https://rspo.org/certification/rspo-red>

RSPO NEXT recognizes organizations that have met and exceeded the current requirements of the RSPO Principles and Criteria at an organization-wide level, including investments, joint ventures and in the organization's wider supply base in the following categories: No Deforestation, No Fire, No Planting on Peat, Reduction of GHGs, Respect for Human Rights and Transparency. Further information is available from the **RSPO website**.

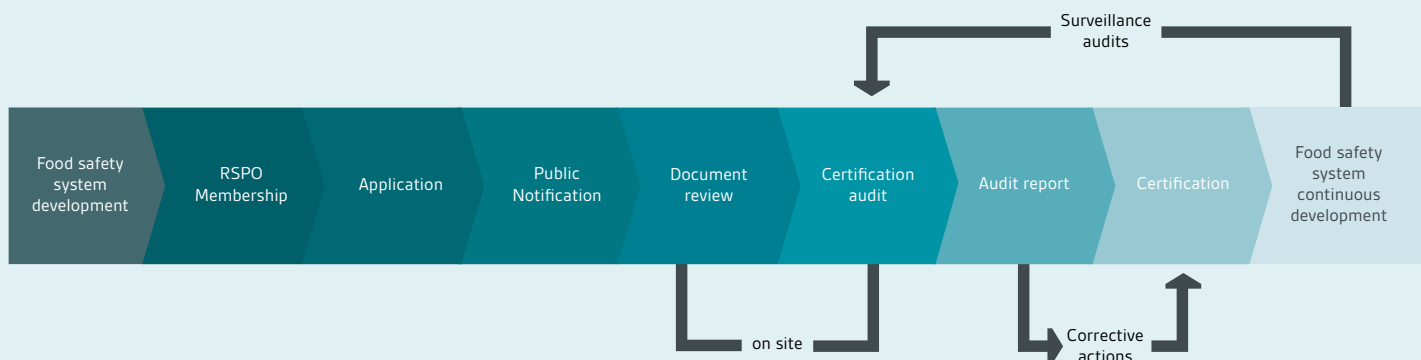
Benefits of adoption

Certification to the RSPO Principles and Criteria (Palm Oil Plantations) or the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard (Processors, Ingredient Suppliers and Manufacturers) demonstrates your commitment that the standard of production is sustainable with the added benefits of:

- Recognition to a unique sustainability and supply chain integrity program, fulfilling the obligation for all actors in palm oil production and use to have RSPO certification appropriate to their activities.
- Environmentally and socially responsible buyers willing to pay a premium for responsibly produced products.
- Allowing organizations downstream of your operations to also seek RSPO Supply Chain Certification to pass on the sustainability claim.
- Credibility through the integrity of the RSPO sustainability claim, enabling consumers make informed product choices in an environmentally conscious market.
- Consistent application across raw material supply (plantations) and the supply chain with all actors in the RSPO supply chain held accountable to the same standard.
- Use of the RSPO Trademark as described in the RSPO Rules on Market Communications and Claims Document for business to business and business to consumer communications.



The journey to certification



Certification requirements

The first step toward certification is to document your system against the specific requirements of the standard. You will also need to apply for RSPO membership as this is an essential requirement of the certification criteria. This can be done directly with RSPO (<http://www.rspo.org/members/apply>).

The RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) is a generic standard applicable to the crude palm oil mill as well as to the supply base producing the fresh fruit bunches (FFB); defining the principle, criteria, indicators and guidance for the production of sustainable palm oil. There is a generic audit checklist reflecting the minimum requirements to comply with RSPO P&C 2013 to ensure that the assessments are consistent and objective driven. There are four sections to this document including:

- Section 1 – Template for Records
- Section 2 – P&C Checklist
- Section 3 – Checklist for Supply Chain Audit of the Mill

- Section 4 – Checklist on elements stipulated in the RSPO System Document.

The P&C Checklists detail the principles, with the corresponding criterion, indicator and checklist prompts. Principles include:

- Principle 1: Commitment to transparency
- Principle 2: Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations
- Principle 3: Commitment to Long-term Economic and Financial Viability
- Principle 4: Use of Appropriate Best Practices by Growers and Millers
- Principle 5: Environmental Responsibility and Conservation of Natural Resources and Biodiversity
- Principle 6: Responsible Consideration of Employees and of Individuals and Communities Affected by Growers and Millers
- Principle 7: Responsible Development of New Plantings
- Principle 8: Commitment to Continual Improvement in Key Areas of Activity.

This checklist can be downloaded from the **RSPO website**.

In line with ISEAL best practices, the RSPO P&C 2013 will be completely reviewed by November 2018.

Why BSI?



BSI believes the world should be supplied with food that has been produced to an industry recognized standard. We offer a broad range of certifications and risk management services to help all organizations in the food supply chain achieve compliance and industry best practice to grow their business.

We're a leading food safety and certification provider with extensive auditing capacity and the capability to conduct integrated audits for a wide range of food safety standards across the entire food and beverage supply chain – including GFSI-recognized standards.

Our service solution for food safety includes certification, training, assessment and supply chain software, providing you and your customer's assurance and enabling you to manage risk more effectively.



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