

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

HOFER KG dba ALDI SOUTH Group

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- ☐ Palm Oil Grower
- ☐ Processor and/or Trader
- ☐ Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- ☒ Retailer
- ☐ Bank and/or Investor
- ☐ Social and/or Development NGO
- ☐ Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- ☐ Affiliate

1.3 Membership number

3-0112-19-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Retailers

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Retailers

1. Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your company's main activity within the palm oil supply chain

- ☒ Retail - with own brand products
☐ Retail - without own brand products
☐ Food service providers
☐ Retail wholesalers
☐ Other

Other

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2. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption

Information in Section 2 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data on palm oil and palm oil products consumed, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate uptake on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

2.1 Please list down all operations and subsidiaries using palm oil that are owned and/or managed by the member, including those under Group Membership

all the below

2.1.1 In which markets does your company retail goods with palm oil and oil palm products?

Australia ,Austria ,China ,Germany ,Hungary ,Ireland ,Italy ,Slovenia ,Switzerland ,United Kingdom ,United States

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil products (palm-content only) used in your company's own-brand products in the year:

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude/refined palm oil (tonnes)	63626.0
Total volume of crude/refined palm kernel oil (tonnes)	5022
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0
Total volume of palm oil/palm kernel oil derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	19482
Total	88130.0

2.2.6 Please estimate the percentage of derivatives and fractions (reported in Question RT.2.2.4) derived from palm oil or from palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based derivatives.

Description	Percentage
Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	80
Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	20

2.3 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products (palm-content only) used in your company's own brand products in the year (tonnes):

Description	Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)	Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)	Certified Derivatives and Fractions
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	507	762	0	0
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	189	12	0	0
Mass Balance (MB)	43461.0	3770	0	16145
Segregated (SG)	19959.0	1117	0	2300
Identity Preserved (IP)	187	128	0	93
Total	64303.0	5789	0	18538

2.3.1 Please estimate the percentage of RSPO-certified derivatives and fractions (reported in Question RT.2.3) derived from RSPO-certified palm oil or from RSPO-certified palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based derivatives.

Description	Percentage
Certified Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	80
Certified Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	20

2.4 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.3, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:

100.57%

2.4.1 If your company has not reached 100% usage of sustainable palm oil through the four supply chain models (RSPO Credits, MB, SG or IP), do you have any plans to cover the gap using RSPO Credits?

Yes

2.5 Please estimate the regional distribution of your company's RSPO certified palm oil and palm oil-products usage (as declared in Question RT.2.3) in the following countries/regions:

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	71
North America	18
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	11

3. TimeBound Plan

3.1 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products in own-brand products

2011

3.1.1 If the previous target year for RT.3.1 has not been met, please explain why.

The target year has been met.

3.2 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using 100% RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from any supply chain option in own-brand products.

2018

3.2.1 If the previous target year for RT.3.2 has not been met, please explain why.

The target year has been met.

3.3 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using 100% RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from physical supply chain options (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) in own-brand products.

2018

3.3.1 If the previous target year for RT.3.3 has not been met, please explain why.

We strive to use only derivatives and fractions from certified sustainable physical supply chains in our own-brand food & non-food products according to market availability. Any derivatives and fractions in our own-brand products, not yet available from physical supply chains were covered by RSPO Credits. 0.09% of our total volume of palm oil/palm kernel oil derivatives and fractions has been delivered as not physically certified due to e.g. expired audits. The respective suppliers have in the meantime received their recertification and the respective suppliers or the ALDI SOUTH Group purchased I.S. Credits for the affected volumes.

3.4 If the TimeBound Plan commitments declared above do not cover all countries in which the member operates, please explain why

Our Time Bound Plan applies globally. For ALDI China, because we are just starting our business there and availability of certified palm oil is limited, all palm oil volumes which are not physically certified are covered with I.S. Credits in line with WWF recommendations. ALDI China used less than 3t of palm oil.

4. Trademark Use**4.1 Does your company use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark in own-brand products?**

Yes

4.2 Please select the countries where your company uses or intends to use the Trademark

Germany ,Ireland ,United Kingdom

4.2.1 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using the RSPO Trademark

2015

5. Actions for Next Reporting Period

5.1 Please outline activities that your company will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

In order to further progress in achieving a sustainable palm oil supply chain, we will: - continue to support our sustainable palm oil production project for smallholders in Côte d'Ivoire - further strengthen awareness of our suppliers through intensive dialogues, guidance and conferences - seek solutions, together with suppliers and relevant stakeholders to increase the availability of CSPO for derivatives and fractions in particular. As part of the Palm Oil Transparency Coalition, we engage and review the major international importers of palm oil to determine how they are tackling deforestation and exploitation in their palm oil supply chains. Our approach aims to promote transparency and encourage progress beyond certification.

6. Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

6.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

Yes

6.1.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ No discrimination
- ☒ Wage and working conditions
- ☒ Freedom of association
- ☒ No child labour
- ☒ No harassment
- ☒ No forced or trafficked labour

6.1.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Labour & Labour Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

6.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

Yes

6.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ Recruitment
- ☒ Contractors
- ☒ Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

6.2.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Ethical Conduct & Human Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Land Use

6.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Land Use?

No

Occupational Health & Safety

6.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

Yes

6.4.1 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Occupational Health & Safety policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

6.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?

Yes

6.5.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ Identification and assessment of GHG
- ☒ Public reporting of GHG footprint
- ☒ Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

6.5.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas policy or report in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Complaints & Grievances

6.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?

Yes

6.6.1 Is your Complaints & Grievances mechanism in line with the RSPO's grievance mechanism? For details of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, please go to <https://askrspo.force.com/Complaints/>

Yes

Smallholders

6.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?

Yes

6.7.1 Does this support cover:

- ☒ Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- ☒ Improved Smallholder livelihoods

6.7.2 How is your company supporting them?

We at ALDI SOUTH believe that market transformation is not possible without smallholder inclusion, as they produce a significant share of the palm globally traded. Especially Independent Smallholders play a central role in this context and require particular support. With regards to the supply chain, ALDI SOUTH as a retailer is very far removed from plantations - especially from smallholders. Nevertheless, ALDI SOUTH has developed an approach to include smallholders. This approach is based on three pillars: - We purchase Independent Smallholder Credits. - Collaboration with the RSPO on the topic (We are a member of the Smallholder Standing Committee to oversee the execution of the RSPO Smallholder Strategy). - Since 2017, ALDI has been supporting a smallholder project in Côte d'Ivoire in order to pave the way for sustainable cultivation of palm (kernel) oil. In close cooperation with our NGO partner Solidaridad, we have developed a project focussing on the protection of natural forests and environmentally friendly cultivation methods. Solidaridad offers intensive training which builds on an existing RSPO Smallholder Support Fund project in order to benefit from existing structures and increase impact. ALDI's and Solidaridad's project intends to support up to 2,100 smallholders to protect forests as well as to align their cultivation methods with environmental and resource conservation requirements.

7. Challenges

7.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- ☒ Awareness of RSPO in the market
- ☒ Difficulties in the certification process
- ☒ Certification of smallholders
- ☐ Competition with non-RSPO members
- ☐ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☒ Human rights issues
- ☐ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☒ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☒ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☒ Supply issues
- ☒ Traceability issues
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☐ Others

Others

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7.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- ☒ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☐ Engagement with government agencies
- ☒ Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- ☒ Promotion of physical CSPO
- ☒ Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- ☐ Research & Development support
- ☒ Stakeholder engagement
- ☐ No actions taken
- ☒ Others

Others

As described above, we are in constant dialogue with our suppliers and other relevant stakeholders. We are an active member of the Palm Oil Transparency Coalition (POTC). As a group of leading retailers, the POTC collaborates to obtain greater transparency of information relating to the sustainability performance of our global supply chains in order to incentivize faster progress towards a sustainable palm oil industry. We support a sustainable palm oil production project for smallholders in Côte d'Ivoire.

7.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

<https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/responsibility/our-work-action/palm-oil> Updated Labour & Labour Rights policy:
https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/sites/default/files/downloads/2018_EN_%20ALDI%20SOUTH%20Group%20Human%20Rights%20Policy%20Statement_final_0.pdf Updated Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights:
https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/sites/default/files/downloads/ALDI_Social%20Standards_GB_Imprimatur%20neu.pdf