

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Vereniging voor de Bakkerij- en Zoetwarenindustrie (VBZ)

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

- Grower
 - Processor and/or Trader
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturer
 - Retailer and/or Wholesaler
 - Bank and/or Investor
 - Social and/or Development NGO
 - Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
 - Supply Chain Associate
 - Affiliate
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1.3 Membership number

8-0132-12-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Organisations

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

Affiliate

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

VBZ is the Association of the Bakery- and Confectionery Industry in the Netherlands representing members who produce fine bakery ware, confectionery, chocolate and savoury snacks. Our main priority is to represent the interests of our members and encourage our members to take the next step towards a sustainable future.

1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period.

As VBZ we are part of the DASPO (Dutch Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil) and support the DASPO in their social media and lobby activities. Moreover, we promote sustainable palm oil via VBZ member events, the VBZ newsletter and through our website.

1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

5%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?

No

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

As a member association the contribution fee of our members is used to make all our activities possible, that includes the work on palm oil.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.

Active participation in the Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil (DASPO). Maintaining and reinforcing close cooperation with suppliers, retailers and customer organisations. Keeping close contact with our members and promote them to achieve 100% sustainable palm oil and helping them to solve problems that can obstruct this goal. Work on a communication plan with the DASPO to promote sustainable palm oil.

3. Challenges

3.1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

- 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
- Others

Other:

3.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP, how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform the market for sustainable palm oil in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues eg trade workshops industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Others

Other:

3.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your palm oil policies and activities (e.g.: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

<https://www.vbz.nl/mijn-vbz/productie-automatisering-risicomanagement/duurzame-palmolie>

Unfortunately the webpage is only accessible for our members and in Dutch. For inlog details or a screenshot, please feel free to contact us.
