

## Particulars

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Associated British Foods plc
<b>Corporate Website Address</b>	<a href="http://www.abf.co.uk/">http://www.abf.co.uk/</a>
<b>Primary Activity or Product</b>	Processor and/or Trader, Manufacturer, Wholesaler and/or Retailer
<b>Related Company(ies)</b>	None
<b>Country Operations</b>	Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Republic of, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam
<b>Membership Number</b>	4-0115-10-000-00
<b>Membership Type</b>	Ordinary Members
<b>Membership Category</b>	Consumer Goods Manufacturers

## Palm Oil Processors and Traders

### Operational Profile

#### 1.1 Please state your main activity(ies) within the supply chain

- Animal feed supplier

Other:

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#### 1.2 Operation and Certification Progress

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##### 1.2.1 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?

Yes

#### 1.3 Total volume of all palm oil products handled in the year (Tonnes)

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##### 1.3.1 Total volume of Crude Palm Oil (CPO) handled in the year

5143.00

##### 1.3.2 Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil (PKO) handled in the year

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##### 1.3.3 Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions handled in the year

15851.00

##### 1.3.4 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products handled in the year

20994.00

#### 1.4 Volume handled in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes):

No	Description	Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Palm kernel oil (Tonnes)	All other palm-based derivatives and fractions handled in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes)
1.4.1	Book & Claim	5143.00		14619.00
1.4.2	Mass Balance			178.00
1.4.3	Segregated			
1.4.4	Identity Preserved			
1.4.5	Total volume of Oil Palm handled that is RSPO-certified:	5143.00		14797.00

**1.5 Do you plan to ask your suppliers if the palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8?**

No

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## Time-Bound Plan

**2.1 Date of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)**

2013

**2.2 Time-bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of all supply chains**

2014

**2.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)? Please state annual targets/strategies.**

AB Agri have been sourcing certified material via Book & Claim supply chain approach since 2013. We have sourced approx. 95% of our 13/14 consumption through the Book & Claim supply chain approach and expect to be 100% for the next reporting cycle.

**2.4 Timebound plan - Year expected to only "handle/supply" RSPO certified oil palm products**

2018

**2.5 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)? Please state annual targets/strategies.**

AB Agri have been sourcing certified material via Book & Claim supply chain approach since 2013. We are encouraging suppliers to make 100% segregated or mass balance palm products more commercially available. Currently there are no commercially available physical sources of segregated or mass balance product for any of the palm products we use across our business. We are encouraging suppliers to change this.

**2.6 How do you promote RSPO and RSPO certified sustainable palm oil to your customers proactively?**

Currently there are no commercially available physical sources of segregated or mass balance product for any of the palm products we use across our business. We are encouraging suppliers to change this. We are also engaging and educating customers on the benefits of supporting sustainable certified palm inputs.

## GHG Emissions

**3.1 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?**

Yes

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**Please explain why:**

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**3.2 Does your company have a public commitment to only purchase palm oil from suppliers that disclose their GHG emissions?**

No

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**Please explain why:**

We are currently focused on implementing supply of certified sustainable materials to the RSPO standard. Additional requirements of our suppliers are not currently specified.

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## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### **4.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote CSPO use along the supply chain**

We will continue to work with our supply base and industry partners to encourage the creation of physical supply options. In addition, we will continue to educate and engage customers on the sustainable palm agenda.

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## **Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**

### **5.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information please indicate the reasons why**

N/A

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## **Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**

### **6.1 Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C such as:**

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
  - Land Use Rights
  - Ethical conduct and human rights
  - Labour rights
  - Stakeholder engagement
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#### **Water, land, energy and carbon footprints**

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## 6.2 Where relevant, what prevents you from trading/processing only CSPO?

After commencing the move to Book & Claim supply chain approach in 2013, we have now moved to cover 100% consumption from the beginning of 2014 onwards. Therefore, for reporting year 13/14 we will be at 95% and this will increase to 100% in the 14/15 reporting year.

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## Commitments to CSPO uptake

**As you don't source 100% CSPO through physical supply chains (IP/SG/MB), please answer the following questions: Do you have plans to?**

Yes

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**- Please explain why:**

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**- Please specify:**

Currently there are no commercially available physical sources of segregated or mass balance product for any of the palm products we use across our business. We are encouraging suppliers to change this.

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**- Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?**

Yes

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**- How and when do you plan to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?**

After commencing move to Book & Claim supply chain approach in 2013, we have now moved to cover 100% consumption from the beginning of 2014 onwards. Therefore, for reporting year 13/14 we will be at 95% and this will increase to 100% in the 14/15 reporting year.

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**- Please explain why:**

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## Consumer Goods Manufacturers

### Operational Profile

1.1 Please state what your main activity(ies) is/are within manufacturing

- End-product manufacturer
- Ingredient manufacturer
- Food Goods
- Own-brand
- Manufacturing on behalf of other third party brands

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- Food goods

- Margarine & Cooking Oil

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- Home and personal care goods

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### Operations and Certification Progress

2.1 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?

Yes

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2.2.1 Do you manufacture for:

Both

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2.2.2 Total volume of Refined Palm Oil or RBD Palm Oil used in the year:

8815.80

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2.2.3 Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year:

2352.00

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2.2.4 Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions used in the year:

23042.37

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2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil products you used in the year:

34210.17

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### 2.3 Palm oil volume used in the year in your own brands that is sourced through RSPO-certified physical supply chains:

#### In Your Own Brand

No	Description	Refined palm oil/RBD palm oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm based derivatives or fractions (Tonnes)
1	Book & Claim		4.00	17.38
2	Mass Balance	63.00	11.00	2009.09
3	Segregated	923.17	591.00	3122.49
4	Identity Preserved			
5	Total volume of palm oil handled that is RSPO-certified	986.17	606.00	5148.96

#### In Your Private Label

No	Description	Refined palm oil/RBD palm oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm based derivatives or fractions (Tonnes)
1	Book & Claim	1834.13		30.26
2	Mass Balance			781.23
3	Segregated	111.00		333.48
4	Identity Preserved			
5	Total volume of palm oil handled that is RSPO-certified	1945.13		1144.97

#### 2.4.1 Volume of Palm Kernel Expeller used/ handled:

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#### 2.4.2 What type of products do you use CSPO for?

The manufacture of bread products, beverages, cereals, sauces, home baking products, ice cream accompaniments, food and industrial ingredients.

#### 2.5 Do you plan to ask your suppliers if the palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8?

No

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We are currently focused on implementing our commitment to source RSPO certified sustainable palm by 2015 prior to considering expanding expectations of suppliers. However, we have numerous companies that have built this into their sourcing approach or are considering adding this element in future supplier management approaches.

#### Report on supplier who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8

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## Time-Bound Plan

### 3.1 Date expected to/or started to use any RSPO certified palm oil products - own brand

2010

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### 3.2 Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified palm oil products from any supply chain option - own brand

2015

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### 3.3 Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified palm oil from physical supply chains (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) - own brand products

2018

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### 3.4 Do your (own brand) commitments cover your company's companies' global use of palm oil?

Yes

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### 3.5 Does your company use palm oil in products in goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies?

Yes

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### When do you expect to actively promote the use of certified sustainable palm oil in other manufacturers' brands that you sell?

2015

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### 3.6 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Republic of, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam

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### 3.7 What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment to your own-brands (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies

ABF group companies are committed to satisfy the group position on the sourcing of RSPO certified sustainable

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### 3.8 Date of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)

2011

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## Trademark Related

### 4.1 Do you use or plan to use the RSPO trademark on your own brand products?

Yes

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### - Please state for which product range(s) you intend to apply the Trademark and when you plan to start

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## GHG Emissions

### 5.1 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

Yes

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**5.2 Does your company have a public commitment to only purchase palm oil from suppliers that disclose their GHG emissions?**

No

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We are currently focused on implementing our commitment to source RSPO certified sustainable palm by 2015 prior to considering expanding expectations of suppliers. However, we have numerous companies that have built this into their sourcing approach or are considering adding this element in future supplier management approaches.

## Actions for Next Reporting Period

**6.1 Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.**

We will continue to engage with suppliers to encourage the development of physical supply options for the many palm derived materials we source. In addition, our preparations to prepare for Supply Chain Certification audits across multiple sites will also be a feature in the coming months. Ongoing engagement with our customers to delivery their needs, and in other circumstances, we will be continuing to educate customers/geographies on the benefits of moving to certified sustainable palm.

## Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

**7.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why**

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- Others:

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## Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

**8.1 Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C such as:**

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
- Land Use Rights
- Ethical conduct and human rights
- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement

**- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints**

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**8.2 What steps will/has your organization taken to support these policies?**

Please refer to the website resources to understand the extent to which ABF divisions are addressing the themes above.

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**Commitments to CSPO uptake**

**As you don't source 100% CSPO through physical supply chains (IP/SG/MB), please answer the following questions:**

**Do you have plans to?**

Yes

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**9.1 Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?**

Yes

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**- How and when do you plan to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?**

Yes, we have an increased level of cover with Book & Claim supply initiated with the purchase of GP certificates during 2014, with other businesses coming online from 2015 onwards. The use of Book & Claim supply option will remain a feature of our submissions in future years as we seek to establish physical supply of the many derivatives we source.

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## Retailers

### Operational Profile

#### 1.1 Please state what your main activities are within retailing

- Home & Personal Care Goods

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- Food goods

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- Home and personal care goods

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- Other:

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### Operations and Certification Progress

#### 2.1 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?

Yes

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#### 2.2.1 Total volume of Crude Palm Oil handled in the year:

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#### 2.2.2 Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil handled in the year:

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#### 2.2.3 Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions handled in the year:

18.20

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#### 2.2.4 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products you handled in the year:

18.20

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#### 2.3 Palm Oil volume used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO certified

No	Description	Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	All other palm-based derivatives and fractions (Tonnes)
2.3.1	Book & Claim			14.12
2.3.2	Mass Balance			
2.3.3	Segregated			
2.3.4	Identity Preserved			
2.3.5	Total volume of palm oil used that is RSPO-certified:			14.12

**2.4 Volume of all other palm-based derivatives and fractions covered by Book & Claim**

14.12

**2.5 Volume of Palm Kernel Expeller used/ handled?**

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**2.6 Do you plan to ask your suppliers if the palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8?**

No

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**Time-Bound Plan****3.1 Date expected to start (or year started) using RSPO-certified palm oil products - own brand**

2014

**3.2 Date expected to be (or already) using 100% RSPO certified palm oil products from any supply chain option - own brand**

2014

**3.3 Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified oil palm from physical supply chains (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) - own brand products**

2015

**3.4 Does your company use palm oil in products you manufacture on behalf of other companies?**

No

**3.5 Do your (own brand) commitments cover your companies global use of palm oil?**

Yes

**3.6 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above own-brand commitments cover?**

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom

**3.7 What are your interim milestones towards achieving these RSPO certification commitment to your own-brands (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies**

Our principle third party manufacturer of finished personal care products are already RSPO members and have achieved RSPO Supply Chain Certification. For the product lines supplied to us, our related palm consumption will be covered throughout 2014 calendar year by Book & Claim supply chain option. Physical supply of certified material will be introduced to the supply chain during 2015 such that we will aspire to be 100% physical supply by end 2015.

**3.8 Does your company have a Time-Bound Plan for the use of palm oil in the products you sell on behalf of other companies?**

No

**Trademark Related****4.1 Do you use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark on your own brand products?**

No

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No plans to introduce the use of trademark at this stage.

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**4.2 Please state for which product range(s) you intend to apply the Trademark and when you plan to start**

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**- Year**

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## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

**5.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote CSPO use along the supply chain**

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**- Please specify if/when you intend to develop one**

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## Commitments to CSPO uptake

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Yes

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#### Please specify:

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#### How and when do you plan to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

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## Challenges

### 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?

We have struggled to secure physical supply of many derivatives in many geographies. In certain geographies, where awareness of sustainability issues are less developed, the commercial terms for securing physical supply options have made supply to existing customers non-viable.

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### 2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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#### Cost Effective:

Yes

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#### Robust:

Yes

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#### Simpler to Comply to:

similar

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### 3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

Internally, we have run many education sessions with internal subject matter experts and also facilitated session with representataives from Book & Claim team and also with third party audit groups to assist in preparations for RSPO SCC. Externally, we have had representatives present at RT meetings since 2011 and all European RT meetings.

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### 4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

Go to Responsibility section of the ABF plc website to read about our palm oil policy and insights into our approach on sustainability issues across the group.  
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