

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

J. E. O'Brien & Sons Limited

#### 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

#### 1.3 Membership number

2-0567-15-000-00

#### 1.4 Membership category

Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders

#### 1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

**Processor and/or Trader**

**1. Operational Profile**

1.1 Please state your main activity(ies) within the palm oil supply chain. Please select the option(s) that apply to you

- Refiner of CPO and PKO
- Trader with physical possession
- Trader without physical possession
- Palm kernel crusher
- Food and non-food ingredients producer
- Power, energy and biofuel
- Animal feed producer
- Producer of oleochemicals
- Distributor and wholesaler
- Other

Other:

**2. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Use**

2.1 Please include details of all operations using palm oil owned and/or managed by the member and/or all entities that belong to the group.

Storage and Distribution.

2.1.1 In which markets do you sell goods containing palm oil and oil palm products?

Ireland

2.2 Volumes of palm oil and oil palm products

2.2.1 Total volume of crude and refined palm oil handled/traded/processed in the year (tonnes)

0.00

2.2.2 Total volume of crude and refined palm kernel oil handled/traded/processed in the year (tonnes)

0.00

2.2.3 Total volume of palm kernel expeller handled/traded/processed in the year (tonnes)

0.00

2.2.4 Total volume of other palm-based derivatives and fractions handled/traded/processed in the year (tonnes)

0.00

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products used in the year (tonnes)

0.00

**2.3 Volumes of palm oil and oil palm products certified**

Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil	Palm Kernel Expeller	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.3.1 RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	-	-	-	-
2.3.2 RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	-	-	-	-
2.3.3 Mass Balance (MB)	-	-	-	-
2.3.4 Segregated (SG)	-	-	-	-
2.3.5 Identity Preserved (IP)	-	-	-	-
2.3.6 Total volume (tonnes)	-	-	-	-

**2.4 Volume sold in the year that is RSPO-certified (tonnes):**

Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil	Palm Kernel Expeller	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.4.1 Mass Balance (MB)	-	-	-	-
2.4.2 Segregated (SG)	-	-	-	-
2.4.3 Identity Preserved (IP)	-	-	-	-
2.4.4 Total volume (tonnes)	-	-	-	-

**2.4.5 How much RSPO-certified products have you sold under other schemes (tonnes)?**

0.00

**2.4.6 How much RSPO-certified products have you sold as conventional (tonnes)?**

0.00

**2.5 What is the percentage of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in the total palm oil products sold by your company in the following regions:**

**2.5.1 Africa**

0%

**2.5.2 Oceania**

0%

**2.5.3 Europe**

0%

**2.5.4 North America**

0%

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**2.5.5 Latin America**

0%

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**2.5.6 Middle East**

0%

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**2.5.7 China**

0%

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**2.5.8 India**

0%

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**2.5.9 Indonesia**

0%

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**2.5.10 Malaysia**

0%

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**2.5.11 Rest of Asia**

0%

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**3. Time-Bound Plan**

**3.1 Year of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved).**

2015

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**3.2 Year started/expected to start to handle/trade/process any RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products.**

2020

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**3.2.1 If target has not been met, please explain why.**

Based on current Business trading, we do not realistically believe that we can achieve 100% RSPO certified products. This is subject to our customer demands and also customer requirements.

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**3.3 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of all palm product processing facilities.**

2020

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**3.3.1 If target has not been met, please explain why.**

Based on current Business trading, we do not realistically believe that we can achieve 100% RSPO certified products. This is subject to our customer demands and also customer requirements.

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**3.4 Year expected to only handle/trade/process 100% RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products**

2020

**3.4.1 If target has not been met, please explain why.**

Based on current Business trading, we do not realistically believe that we can achieve 100% RSPO certified products. This is subject to our customer demands and also customer requirements.

**3.5 Which countries do these commitments cover?**

Ireland , Isle of Man , Israel , Italy , Jamaica , Japan , Jersey , Jordan , Kazakhstan , Kenya , Kiribati , Korea, North , Korea, South , Kuwait , Kyrgyzstan , Laos , Latvia , Lebanon , Lesotho , Liberia , Libya , Liechtenstein , Lithuania , Luxembourg , Macau , Macedonia , Madagascar , Malawi , Malaysia, Maldives , Mali , Malta , Marshall Islands , Martinique , Mauritania , Mauritius , Mayotte , Mexico , Micronesia, Fed. St. , Moldova , Monaco , Mongolia , Montserrat , Morocco , Mozambique , Namibia , Nauru , Nepal , Netherlands , Netherlands Antilles , New Caledonia , New Zealand , Nicaragua , Niger , Nigeria , N. Mariana Islands , Norway , Oman , Pakistan , Palau , Panama , Papua New Guinea , Paraguay , Peru , Philippines , Poland , Portugal , Puerto Rico , Qatar , Reunion , Romania , Russia , Rwanda , Saint Helena , Saint Kitts & Nevis , Saint Lucia , St Pierre & Miquelon , Saint Vincent and the Grenadines , Samoa , San Marino , Sao Tome & Principe , Saudi Arabia , Senegal , Serbia , Seychelles , Sierra Leone , Singapore , Slovakia , Slovenia , Solomon Islands , Somalia , South Africa , Spain , Sri Lanka , Sudan , Suriname , Swaziland , Sweden , Switzerland , Syria , Taiwan , Tajikistan , Tanzania , Thailand , Togo , Tonga , Trinidad & Tobago , Tunisia , Turkey , Turkmenistan , Turks & Caicos Is , Tuvalu , Uganda , Ukraine , United Arab Emirates , United Kingdom

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

J.E. O'Brien & Sons Ltd markets a wide range of premium quality ingredients and food products. J.E. O'Brien & Sons Ltd supplies ambient, chilled and frozen ingredients for the Bakery, Catering, Foodservice, Pharmaceutical, Cosmetic and Feedstuff industries. In order to continue to satisfy customers' needs and expectations, we are committed to a quality strategy for continuous improvement in all areas of the business. This includes palm sustainability. To this end, we set our quality objectives on an annual basis, reflecting the current requirements of our customers. These objectives are reviewed for effectiveness and suitability at regular management reviews. We are committed to sourcing RSPO certified products on our customers' behalf and request. We promote RSPO certified products to our customers through our sales and technical representatives, and literature.

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

Yes

**4.2 Please select the countries where you use or intend to apply the Trademark**

Ireland , United Kingdom

**4.2.1 Please state the year when you began or plan to begin to apply the Trademark**

2022

**4.3 Please explain why**

- Challenging reputation of palm oil
- Confusion among end-consumers
- Costs of changing labels
- Difficulty of applying for RSPO Trademark
- Lack of customer demand
- Limited label space
- Low consumer awareness
- Low usage of palm oil
- Risk of supply disruption
- Others

Other:

**5. Actions for Next Reporting Period**

**5.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote the use of RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products along the supply chain.**

We are actively adding RSPO membership numbers on certificates of conformance which are sent to customers the day of delivery. we are looking to add the manufacturing site numbers on dispatch dockets in the next few years.

**6. Non-Disclosure of Information**

**6.1 Information in the sections above are mandatory declarations in your ACOP. For confidentiality purposes, members may choose not to display volume data in Section 2 publicly; however, RSPO reserves the right to utilise the member's data on an aggregate basis for sectoral and total analysis. Please check this box if the member chooses to have the data in Section 2 displayed publicly.**

Yes - Display Publicly

**7. Application of Principles & Criteria for all member sectors**

**7.1 Regarding your company's sourcing, handling or trading, do you have organisational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C? Select all relevant options.**

**7.1.A Water, land, energy and carbon footprints**

File: [Signed Enviromental Policy.pdf](#)  
Link: --

**7.1.B Land use rights**

File: [Signed Enviromental Policy.pdf](#)  
Link: --

**7.1.C Ethical conduct and human rights**

File: [Ethical Trading Code.pdf](#)  
Link: --

**7.1.D Labour rights**

File: --  
Link: --

**7.1.E Stakeholder engagement**

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Link: --

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**7.1.F None of the above. Please explain why.**

Na to Distributor

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**7.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organisation provided in the past year to facilitate the uptake of RSP0-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?**

We promote our Supply Chain Certification and externally encourage the supply and demand of certified palm products

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**8. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Footprint**

**8.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?**

No

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**8.1.1 Please upload your publicly available GHG report**

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Link: --

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**8.1.2 OR please insert the URL to the GHG section of your corporate website.**

Link:

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**8.2 Please explain and justify why you are not calculating your GHG footprint. Please include any future plans you may have to calculate your GHG footprint.**

We supply locally to Irish customers using our own company transport and use our own company transport to collect from local suppliers where possible. We do not currently calculate GHG footprint but are committed to conserving energy where possible.

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**8.3 What methodology are you using to calculate your GHG footprint?**

NA

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**9. Support for Oil Palm Smallholders**

**9.1 Are you currently supporting any oil palm Independent Smallholder groups?**

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**9.2 How are you supporting them?**

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**9.2.1 Do you have any future plans to support oil palm Independent Smallholders?**

No

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**9.2.2 If yes, when do you plan to start your support for oil palm Independent Smallholders?**

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**10. Challenges**

**10.1 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:**

The cost of certified product is significant and there have been increases in recent years. We can only respond to our customers demands and requirement and not all customers require Certified materials.

**10.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways?**

- 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:**

We support the RSPO initiative via our sourcing strategy, supplier approval procedures and working with our suppliers to help fulfill our customers needs and our RSPO requirements

**10.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil**

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