

Particulars

Organisation Name	Bolsius International B.V.
Corporate Website Address	http://www.bolsius.com
Primary Activity or Product	Manufacturer
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	USA
Membership Number	4-0253-12-000-00
Membership Type	Ordinary Members
Membership Category	Consumer Goods Manufacturers
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Person Reporting	Marcel Geboers

Related Information

Other information on palm oil:

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Reporting Period	01 July 2012 - 30 June 2013
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Consumer Goods Manufacturers

Operational Profile

1. Main activities within manufacturing

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

Operations and Certification Progress

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

Yes

Total volume of all palm oil products used in the year in your own brand products:

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3.1. Total volume of Crude Palm Oil used in the year:

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3.2. Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year:

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

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3.4. Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products you used in the year:

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4. Volume of Crude Palm Oil used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified

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4.1. Book & Claim

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4.2. Mass Balance

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4.3. Segregated

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4.4. Identity Preserved

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4.5. Total volume of Crude Palm Oil used that is RSPO-certified:

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5. Volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified:

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5.1. Book & Claim

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5.2. Mass Balance

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5.3. Segregated

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5.4. Identity Preserved

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5.5. Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil handled that is RSPO-certified:

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6. Volume of all other palm-based derivatives and fractions used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified:

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6.1. Book & Claim

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6.2. Mass Balance

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6.3. Segregated

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6.4. Identity Preserved

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6.5. Total volume of palm-based derivatives and fractions used that is RSPO-certified:

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7. What type of products do you use CSPO for?

This year we will start using CSPO in scented candles.

8. Do you 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?

Yes

Suppliers report that palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8

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Time-Bound Plan

9. Date expected to/or started to use any RSPO certified oil palm products – own brand

2013

10. Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified oil palm products from any supply chain option– own brand

2018

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

2020

12. Do your (own brand) commitments cover your companies' global use of palm oil?

No

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

Yes

14. Date expected to actively communicate to promote the use of certified sustainable palm oil in other manufacturers' brands that you sell.

2014

15. Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?

USA

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

Bolsius is traditionally a candle manufacturer that has been very strong in the manufacture of paraffin based candles. The majority of the raw materials we are using is still paraffin. Fat is slowly becoming a more important raw material for us, due to the lower amount of paraffin available in the market. We see the urgency of more sustainable palm oil and work towards use of certified palm oil in our products.

We have last year purchased our palm oil only from RSPO membered suppliers.

Our private label customers do want to talk about RSPO certified palm oil but when faced with the higher costs they choose to take products from our competitors or choose product containing non certified palm oil. Recent talks with customers point in a direction that this will change soon and that they are willing to pay additional money for the good cause although there is no difference in performance.

For our own Bolsius brand we have decided to start upcoming reporting period sourcing first quantities of RSPO certified (mass balance) palm oil.

This is a big decision as RSPO certified material will increase our costs of raw materials and as raw materials is the largest cost factor in our products this will influence either cost price of our products or our profit margin. We however do plan to slowly increase the amount of certified palm oil the upcoming years.

We recently also had a discussion with GreenPeace on the topic of certified palm oil and the candle industry - to exchange opinions and ideas and talk about the future.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

Upcoming year we will inform our salesforce how they can actively promote the use of sustainable RSPO certified palm oil in their discussion with customers and Private Label customers. It has also struck us that we have been getting limited but more increasing questions of our customers on use of RSPO certified palm oil but have never really had discussion with our suppliers on this matter. We will start with this and try team up with our suppliers of raw materials to increase the amount of RSPO certified palm oil as we can achieve more when we team up!

18. Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

No

Public report of GHG emissions on operations

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Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

19. If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why

Confidential

- Other reason:

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Trademark Related

20. Do you use or plan to use the RSPO trademark on any of your products?

No

If yes, when will you start?

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21. Do you undertake or support any other projects related to sustainable palm oil that have not been captured in this report?

No

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

22. Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C?

- Ethical conduct and human rights
- Labour rights

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints policy

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- Land use rights policy

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- Ethical conduct and human rights policy

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- Labour rights policy

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- Stakeholder engagement policy

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23. What steps will your organization take to minimize its resource footprints?

We strive to zero waste. No raw material exits the factory as waste! Wax and paraffin only leaves our factories as finished product. And glass and aluminium waste is recycled.

Our main raw material - paraffin is in fact a waste product from lube oil production. We buy this waste from refineries and use it to make our products.

24. What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct using business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

N/A

25. Has your company supported any community programmes on its own or through partnerships? How do you benchmark the impacts of these programmes?

No.

26. Are you sourcing 100% physical CSPO?

No

26.1. Please details your organization's plan to cover sourced palm oil and palm kernel oil, which is not yet segregated or identity preserved, through Mass Balance. If you have not committed to sourcing 100% of palm products under the Mass Balance supply chain system until the goal of 100% segregated or identity preserved CSPO can be achieved, please explain why.

We will upcoming year investigate how we can prepare our organisation for this. We do strive to achieve this in future but we can only do this in a way that is sustainable for our own business!

Challenges

1. Significant economic, social or environmental obstacles

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

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Cost Effective:

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Robust:

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Simpler to Comply to:

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3. How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets?

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