

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

Costco Wholesale Corporation

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

- Oil Palm Growers
  - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
  - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
  - Retailers
  - Banks and Investors
  - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
  - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
  - Affiliate Members
  - Supply Chain Associate
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#### 1.3 Membership number

3-0084-16-000-00

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#### 1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

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#### 1.5 Membership sector

Retailers

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**Retailers**

**Operational Profile**

1.1 Please state your main activities within the palm oil supply chain. Tick all that apply:

- Wholesaler
- Retail
- Food service providers
- Own-brand
- Third party brands
- Biofuels
- Other

**Operations and Certification Progress**

2.1 In which markets where you operate do you sell goods containing palm oil and oil palm products?

Applies Globally

2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products in the goods sold in the year:

2.2.1 Total volume of Refined /Crude Palm Oil in the goods sold in the year

0.00 Tonnes

2.2.2 Total volume of Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil in the goods sold in the year

0.00 Tonnes

2.2.3 Total volume of Palm Kernel Expeller sold in the year

0.00 Tonnes

2.2.4 Total volume of other Palm-based Derivatives and Fractions used in the year

0.00 Tonnes

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products in the goods sold in the year

0.00 Tonnes

**2.3 Volume of palm oil and oil palm products used in the year, in your own brand of products, that are RSPO-certified**

No	Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Expeller (Tonnes)	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions (Tonnes)
2.3.1	Book and Claim from Mill / Crusher	0.69			1379.38
2.3.2	Book and Claim from Independent Smallholder				
2.3.3	Mass Balance	4771.00	278.65		7028.04
2.3.4	Segregated	145.18	5.65		10.54
2.3.5	Identity Preserved	215.53			
2.3.6	Total volume	5132.40	284.30		8417.96

**2.4 Volume of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products purchased from other RSPO certified companies (tonnes)**

No	Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Expeller (Tonnes)	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions (Tonnes)
2.4.1	Book and Claim from Mill / Crusher				
2.4.2	Book and Claim from Independent Smallholder				
2.4.3	Mass Balance				
2.4.4	Segregated				
2.4.5	Identity Preserved				
2.4.6	Total volume				

**2.5 What is the percentage of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in the total volume handled by your company in the following regions:**

- 2.5.1 Africa --%
- 2.5.2 Australasia 1%
- 2.5.3 Europe (incl. Russia) 3%
- 2.5.4 North America 93%
- 2.5.5 South America --%
- 2.5.6 Middle East --%
- 2.5.7 China --%
- 2.5.8 India --%
- 2.5.9 Indonesia --%
- 2.5.10 Malaysia --%
- 2.5.11 Rest of Asia 3%

**Time-Bound Plan**

**3.1 Year expected to start (or year started) using RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, in your own brand of products**

2021

**3.1.1 Referring to 3.1, in which markets you operate do these commitments cover?**

**3.2 Year expected to be (or already) using 100% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products from any supply chain option in your own brand products**

2021

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

2021

**3.4 Referring to 3.2 and 3.3, in which markets where you operate, do these commitments cover?**

Applies Globally

**3.5 Does your company have a Time-Bound Plan to require the use of RSPO certified palm oil and oil palm products in the products you sell on behalf of other companies brands?**

No

**Trademark Related**

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

No

**4.2 Please explain why**

Not at this time.

**Actions for Next Reporting Period**

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

We will continue to request our Kirkland Signature suppliers that use palm oil and oil palm products to sign our supplier commitment stating that they are committed to help us reach our goal of using all RSPO certified Palm Oil by 2021 or sooner. We will continue to work with our Kirkland Signature suppliers to help them transition to RSPO certified Palm Oil.

We have identified our private label supplier that are not currently using CSPO in our Kirkland Signature items and are working with them on a time bound plan to be compliant.

**Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**

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

Other: We are reporting globally for our own brand Kirkland Signature. For section 2.2 & 2.4 we have not collected data for the other brands that we sell.

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

**7.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:**

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints  
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- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
- Ethical conduct and human rights  
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- Labour rights  
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- Stakeholder engagement
- None of the above

**7.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organisation provided in the past year, to facilitate the uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?****Comment:****PALM OIL POLICY 2015**

Costco Wholesale is committed to ensuring that the palm oil contained in our Kirkland Signature products is responsibly and sustainably sourced. To this end, we will continue to work with our suppliers to move toward RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) certified (or equivalent) palm oil, palm kernel oil and palm oil derivatives ('palm oil'). Our goal is that all palm oil used in Kirkland Signature products will be 100% RSPO certified (or equivalent) by 2021 or sooner.

In addition, we support practices to help achieve zero net deforestation and support smallholders. Accordingly, our goal is for all Kirkland Signature suppliers to source palm oil based upon the following principles by 2021 or sooner:

1. Compliance with RSPO Principles (or equivalent).
  2. Protection of High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests.
  3. No new development on peatlands and the use of Best Management Practices for existing plantations on peatlands.
  4. Commitment to no-burn policies.
  5. Commitment to traceable and transparent palm oil supply chains.
  6. Respect for human rights, including the right to free, prior and informed consent, for community stakeholders impacted by expansion.
  7. Support for the integration of smallholders into sustainable supply chains.
  8. Compliance with Costco's Supplier Code of Conduct and applicable international, national and local laws and regulations.
- We will work with our suppliers to update our progress annually and will include such progress on our website.  
September 2015 (Updated)

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**Link to Website**

<https://www.costco.com/wcsstore/CostcoUSBCCatalogAssetStore/feature-pages/Attachment/16w0604-sustainability-palm-oil.pdf>

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

Yes

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**Link to Website**

<https://www.costco.com/sustainability-buildings.html>

No

**Please explain why**

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## **Support Smallholders**

### **9.1 Are you currently supporting any independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

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#### **If yes, how are you supporting them?**

In 2017, Costco's 14-month partnership project with IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative, Winrock International and Cargill to develop a draft Protocol for Oil Palm Independent Smallholders for Sustainable and Responsible Management of Peat Areas was completed. In 2016, Winrock led a series of meetings and workshops with smallholders, government representatives, researchers, NGOs and other stakeholders to develop a draft Protocol that sets forth a step-by-step program to manage peatlands in a sustainable manner, increase market access for smallholders and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The draft Protocol was field-tested with collectors, palm mills and farmers in Siak regency, Riau Province, Indonesia. With their input the draft Protocol was further revised and then presented at a national seminar for additional feedback and dissemination of information. The Protocol is being shared with other organizations to promote implementation and alignment. The goal is to make it available to all stakeholders to serve as a sustainable guideline for smallholders to preserve peat areas.

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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?**

To date we have not encountered any significant obstacles.

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**2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)**

Costco supports the vision of RSPO to transform markets by requiring our current and future private label suppliers to use CSPO in all of our Kirkland Signature products by 2021 or sooner. Costco has also signaled to our branded suppliers that we support RSPO and encourage them to use CSPO in the branded products they provide to us.

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**3 File -Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil (EG: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)**

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**Link:** <https://www.costco.com/sustainability-introduction.html>

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