

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

ALDI International Services GmbH & Co. oHG

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

3-0041-11-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Retailers

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Retailer and/or Wholesaler**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

- ☐ Wholesaler
☒ Retail
☐ Food service providers
☒ Own-brand
☐ Third-party brands
☐ Other:

Other:

2. Palm Oil Use and Certification Progress

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.

all the below

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

Australia , Austria , Germany , Hungary , Ireland , Italy , Slovenia , Switzerland , United Kingdom , United States

2.2 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 (tonnes)

58,120.00

2.2.2 Total volume of crude and refined palm kernel oil in the goods sold in the year (tonnes)

3,354.00

2.2.3 Total volume of palm kernel expeller sold in the year (tonnes)

0.00

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

4,867.00

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

66,341.00

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

Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil	Palm Kernel Expeller	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.3.1 Book and Claim from Mill / Crusher	-	-	-	-
2.3.2 Book and Claim from Independent Smallholder	332	19	-	41
2.3.3 Mass Balance (MB)	42040	2013	-	2668
2.3.4 Segregated (SG)	15427	1186	-	2158
2.3.5 Identity Preserved (IP)	317	136	-	-
2.3.6 Total volume (tonnes)	58112	3354	-	4867

2.4 According to the information you have provided in this questionnaire, your company has not reached 100% sustainable palm yet by using the four supply chain models (Book and Claim, MB, SG, IP). Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap by using RSPO Credits?

2.4.1 When do you plan to cover the gap by using RSPO Credits?

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2.4.2 Please explain why

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

2.5.1 Africa

0%

2.5.2 Oceania

15.24%

2.5.3 Europe

64.91%

2.5.4 North America

19.85%

2.5.5 Latin America

0%

2.5.6 Middle East

0%

2.5.7 China0%

2.5.8 India0%

2.5.9 Indonesia0%

2.5.10 Malaysia0%

2.5.11 Rest of Asia0%

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 products**2011

3.2 Year started/expected to start using any RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in your own brand products2011

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

3.3 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.2018

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

3.4 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.2018

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

3.5 Which markets do these commitments cover?Australia , Austria , Germany , Hungary , Ireland , Italy , Slovenia , Switzerland , United Kingdom , United States

3.6 Does your company use RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies?

No

3.7 Does your company have a Time-Bound Plan to only use RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in the goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies?

No

3.8 When do you expect all products you manufacture to only contain RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

N/A

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.

Germany , Ireland , United Kingdom

4.2.1 Please state the year that you started using the RSPO Trademark or the year you plan to start using the RSPO Trademark.

2015

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:

4.4 Have you uploaded information and images of products using the RSPO Trademark to the RSPO mobile app?

No

5. 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.

In order to further progress in achieving a sustainable palm oil supply chain, we will:

- support a sustainable palm oil production project for smallholders in Côte d'Ivoire
 - further strengthen awareness of our suppliers through intensive dialogues, guidance and conferences
 - seek solutions, together with suppliers and relevant stakeholders to increase the availability of CSPO for derivatives and fractions in particular.
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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 Related to company's procurement or operations, 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: --

Link: <https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/cr-2017/environment>

7.1.B Land use rights

File: --

Link: <https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/cr-2017/resources>

7.1.C Ethical conduct and human rights

File: --

Link: <https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/cr-portal/simply-responsible/human-rights>

7.1.D Labour rights

File: --

Link: <https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/cr-2017/supply-chain/suppliers>

7.1.E Stakeholder engagement

File: --

Link: <https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/cr-2017/supply-chain/suppliers>

7.1.F None of the above. Please explain why

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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 RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

We have actively shared RSPO information on certification, challenges and solutions with our suppliers in order to achieve our international palm goal.

We have conducted supplier and ingredient-supplier surveys at global level in order to obtain concrete information about the availability of derivatives and fractions from physical supply chains and the challenges linked to their procurement. In this context, we have raised awareness on palm-related sustainability.

To support our suppliers in accomplishing the ALDI SOUTH goal concerning non-food products containing palm oil, we set up an e-learning module, which covers the ALDI SOUTH goal concerning palm oil, as well as the purchasing and claiming process for RSPO Credits for non-certified palm (kernel) oil-based derivatives and fractions.

To support transition to physical supply chains, we have compiled information on the availability of palm-based derivatives and fractions for our non-food products from physical supply chains in close coordination with representatives from the chemical industry and passed this information on to our suppliers.

All information is available in English and German.

8. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Footprint**8.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?**

Yes

8.1.1 Please upload your publicly available GHG report

File: --

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

[https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/sites/default/files/downloads/ALDI%20Company%20Carbon%20Footprint%20-%20Summary%20Report%202016.p](https://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/sites/default/files/downloads/ALDI%20Company%20Carbon%20Footprint%20-%20Summary%20Report%202016.pdf)

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.

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

The summary report reflects the impact of all six greenhouse gases defined as being of relevance within the Kyoto Protocol. These comprise carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆). To enable an accurate comparison of the emissions produced, these gases are all converted to carbon equivalents (CO₂e). Please find details on the methodology in the document linked above.

9. Support for Oil Palm Smallholders**9.1 Are you currently supporting any oil palm Independent Smallholder groups?**

Yes

9.2 If yes, how are you supporting them?

We at ALDI SOUTH believe that market transformation is not possible without smallholder inclusion, as they produce a significant share of the palm globally traded. Especially Independent Smallholders play a central role in this context and require particular support. With regards to the supply chain, ALDI SOUTH as a retailer is very far removed from plantations - especially from smallholders. Nevertheless, ALDI SOUTH has developed an approach to include smallholders. This approach is based on three pillars:

- We purchase Independent Smallholder Credits.
- Collaboration with the RSPO on the topic (We are a member of the Smallholder Steering Committee to develop and implement a separate smallholder standard).
- Since 2017, ALDI has been supporting a smallholder project in Cote d'Ivoire in order to pave the way for a sustainable cultivation of palm (kernel) oil. In close cooperation with our business partner, the Solidaridad network, we have developed a project focussing on the protection of natural forests and environmentally friendly cultivation methods. Solidaridad offers intensive training which builds on an existing RSPO project supporting 5,000 smallholders and is intended to qualify up to 3,200 smallholders to protect their forests as well as align their cultivation methods with environmental and resource conservation requirements.

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

9.2.2 When do you plan to start your support for oil palm Independent Smallholders?

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:

Due to the complexity of the supply chain, especially in the non-food sector, our direct influence is partly limited as is the availability of derivatives/fractions from physical supply chains. For small suppliers or suppliers only using small amounts of palm oil, it can mean a burden to get RSPO-certified. Depending on the challenges encountered, we are either trying to foster a long-term development towards 100% CSPO or seeking practical solutions through exchange with relevant stakeholders in order to mitigate all of the above mentioned challenges.

10.2 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:

As described above, we are in constant dialogue with our suppliers and other relevant stakeholders. We are an active member of the Palm Oil Transparency Coalition (POTC). As a group of leading retailers, the POTC collaborates to obtain greater transparency of information relating to the sustainability performance of our global supply chains in order to incentivize faster progress towards a sustainable palm oil industry. We support a sustainable palm oil production project for smallholders in Côte d'Ivoire.

10.3 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://cr.aldisouthgroup.com/en/cr-2017>
