



Palm Oil statement

The Road to a sustainable Palm oil Supply Chain

Palm oil is a necessary raw material of which the technical properties provide safe quality products expected by our customers and consumers. In addition, the yield of palm oil is more than five times that of oilseeds. It is obvious that this raw material can contribute quite well to feeding the growing world population, hence it needs to be produced in a sustainable way.

Being an important international player in the bakery, patisserie and chocolate sector, Puratos is conscious of its responsibility in the purchasing of palm oil.

The company wants to contribute to palm sustainability in an active way and fully in line with its values vision and ethics, and does this through the following memberships:

- Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) (since 2010).

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil was started in 2004. It promotes the growth and use of sustainable palm oil products through global standards.

- Respect for the rights of land owners, farm workers, small holders and their family

No primary forest or high conservation value areas sacrificed for new palm oil plantation Puratos supports zero-deforestation as agreed by the Palm Oil Innovation Group (POIG). This Group aims to promote and support innovation in sustainable palm oil production and seeks to have the innovations rolled out across the palm oil industry and reflected in the RSPO standard.

- The Belgian Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (since its launch in 2012)

The goal of the alliance is to promote the use of sustainable palm oil, with the objective that all palm oil present in food & feed & non-food products destined for the Belgian market has to be sustainable by the end of 2015.

In order to be able to answer growing customer demands, mainly in Europe, Puratos is multi-site RSPO certified. The company is “Segregation” certified guaranteeing the use of pure sustainable palm oil and derivatives physically separated from non-certified in conjunction with the availability of raw materials.

Offering certified segregated products will allow Puratos to assure full traceability up to the certified sustainable plantations. Puratos is working with RSPO certified oils and fats suppliers and asks them to adhere to its sustainability commitment . We recommend our customers to also apply for RSPO membership for contributing to the development of sustainable palm oil.

For more information on sustainable palm see also: www.rspo.org - www.rsdo.eu - www.greenpalm.org

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