TasteTech Ltd

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

TasteTech Ltd

Corporate Website Address

www.tastetech.com

Primary Activity or Product

■ Supply Chain Associate

Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

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Supply Chain Associate

Operational Profile

1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

The manufacture of encapsulated, spray dried and liquid food flavourings and ingredients.

1.2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Reducing palm containing ingredient use where possible. When using palm containing or derived ingredients we source from sustainable RSPO certified suppliers. We promote the fact that RSPO certified palm oil is used. Our main use of palm derived ingredients is fractionated palm stearin as this provides a vegetable fat with a high melting point (fully melts at 60 deg C). This remains only available to us under the MS system.

1.3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

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If yes, please give details:

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If not, please explain why:

No formal partnerships but we do assist our customers that are undertaking CSPO.

1.4. Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.5. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

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1.6. How is your work on palm oil funded?

We manufacture products that are used within the food supply chain. The use of any palm oil containing ingredients is calculated in the cost of any of our products where palm or palm derivatives are used.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

The palm oil we use is certified by BM Trada and is considered sustainable under the mass balance model. We would like to move towards segregated palm but this is not presently available from our suppliers. As TasteTech does not import or refine palm oil ultimately we need suppliers to change from the MB system. We will continue to look for SG fractionated Palm Stearin and believe that this is difficult to source as this represents a small fraction of the palm stearin that has been doubly fractionated in order to make the highest melting point material commercially possible.

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?

We use a highly refined fractionated palm stearin and while this is available under the MS system is proving much more difficult to source as a fully segregated material. As a supply chain associate the audit process should be simple and cost effective as we demonstrate full traceability within the supply chain. This has not been our experience however.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?
Cost Effective:
No
Robust:
Yes
Simpler to Comply to:
No
3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)
We fully support ethical fair trading and sustainability is a key element to this. We work with our suppliers and customers providing details on the materials we use and this includes our use of RSPO sustainable palm oil. We are members of SEDEX and hence, these principles apply to our other raw materials.
4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)
We are audited by BM Trada. Please let us know if you need further details.

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