



Deforestation Policy

Scope: RM Curtis’ perspective on deforestation and the primary raw materials utilized across its supply chain, whereby some are recognized as significant contributors to deforestation.

Our policies are communicated to all supply partners, and we expect compliance with these guidelines.

Background

Deforestation poses a significant concern within RM Curtis’ supply chain and the communities from which RM Curtis sources its ingredients. The mitigation of deforestation will be aligned with our carbon reduction strategy and commitment to achieving net zero emissions.

Key commodities such as palm, cocoa, paper, and soy, are part of our product range, albeit not core volumes, and are identified as primary drivers of deforestation. This policy specifically addresses these commodities.

RM Curtis Deforestation Policy

RM Curtis has set a target to achieve deforestation-free sourcing for all concerning commodities throughout its supply chains by 2025 and will complete its assessment of the deforestation status and targets for its partners by the end of 2024. This will ensure compliance with the EU Regulation 2023/1115 on deforestation-free products.

We are actively collaborating with our suppliers to ensure they implement necessary measures to establish and meet targets. Many of our primary suppliers have already committed to similar objectives.

RM Curtis have achieved the sustainability standards for palm oil. Presently, 100% of palm oil within RM Curtis’ product portfolio is RSPO certified, either Mass Balance (MB) or Segregated (SG), ensuring its deforestation-free status.

RM Curtis are assessing to what extent suppliers can implement Rainforest Alliance and Fairtrade certifications for cocoa used in manufacturing cocoa containing products and urge suppliers to achieve these standards before the deadline.

Soy is utilized in significantly smaller volumes compared to palm oil or cocoa, nevertheless the same focus is applied for those suppliers.

For packaging materials like paper and cardboard, the majority are currently sourced from within the EU or UK and are classified as deforestation-free (either FSC or PEFC). We are working closely with our suppliers, particularly direct suppliers from origin countries to ensure all remaining materials meet this standard before the 2025 deadline.

RM Curtis adhere to customers’ sustainability and deforestation policies regarding palm oil, cocoa, or soy sourcing.

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RM Curtis has initially focused on addressing direct key ingredients and is now extending efforts to enhance sustainability standards across all sourced materials, acknowledging the industry-wide challenge, especially for ingredients found in small amounts within composite products.

We are actively engaged with our trade associations (such as NDFTA and INC- International Nut and Fruit Council) to contribute to forthcoming EU and UK deforestation legislation, while our membership supports sustainability projects alongside larger projects such as climate-friendly farming, agroforestry systems, development of equitable bioeconomies or other diverse projects such as Nuts for (Forest) Restoration.

RM Curtis commitment

RM Curtis has communicated its deforestation policy to all suppliers and expects adherence to the 2025 deforestation-free requirement.

This policy is integrated with RM Curtis' Code of Conduct document distributed to our entire supplier base.

Other references: this policy is part of RM Curtis Sustainability programme, addressing responsible sourcing and closely related to P12Doc.Environmental and sustainability policy.

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