

***In this Issue:***

CPET and FDF offer 5-step sustainable palm oil sourcing leaflet

Mondelez International requires suppliers to achieve traceability by end of 2015

R&R Ice Cream to certify all manufacturing sites by end of 2014

New EU labelling December 2014

CPET and FDF offer 5-step certified sustainable palm oil sourcing leaflet

CPET and the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) have published a leaflet on sourcing certified sustainable palm oil for their members, including SMEs. The leaflet, which is available [here](#), explains why sourcing sustainable palm oil matters and provides a 5-step framework for businesses to implement a sustainable palm oil roadmap. The 5 steps guide businesses through understanding and mapping palm oil use, identifying impacts, risks and opportunities in the supply chain, making a commitment to source sustainable palm oil, developing a roadmap, and implementing, tracking and reviewing the roadmap. In 2015 CPET will be working with other trade associations and government bodies to provide support in sourcing sustainable palm oil.

CPET and FDF will be hosting a 1-hour **Free Webinar** on January 19th on sustainable palm oil sourcing and the 5-step leaflet. The webinar is open to all. Please email cpet@efeca.com to register.

Case Study: Mondelez International requires suppliers to achieve traceability by the end of 2015

When Mondelez International published its sustainable palm oil action plan in June 2014, the company decided not to pursue a segregated supply of palm oil from an existing pool of plantations, but rather to work with suppliers to achieve traceability in order to add momentum to efforts to transform the entire palm oil sector.

The action plan requires suppliers to achieve traceability by the end of 2015 and prioritises suppliers that meet the company's sustainability principles. The company has plans to eliminate suppliers that do not comply. They have also asked suppliers to publish sustainable sourcing policies and implementation timelines by the same date.

Mondelez International's plan, which builds on several years of engaging stakeholders, including suppliers, WWF, UNDP and national governments, complements their wider commitment to sustainably source key agricultural commodities. Already in 2013, the company conducted a survey to determine suppliers' ability to trace palm oil supplies to known sources and achieved RSPO coverage for 100% of the palm oil it bought.

More information on Mondelez's Palm Oil Action Plan can be found here:

http://www.mondelezinternational.com/~//media/MondelezCorporate/uploads/downloads/Palm_Oil_Action_Plan.pdf

Case Study: R&R Ice Cream to certify all manufacturing sites by end of 2014

R&R Ice Cream, one of Europe's largest own brand ice cream manufacturers with headquarters in the UK, has published a target to RSPO certify all its manufacturing sites by the end of 2014.

The company has also aims to source certified sustainable raw palm oil materials, where available, by the end of 2014. R&R have stated that they will source Mass Balance supplies where Segregated palm oil supplies are not available, and source 100% Segregated by the end of 2015.

The company, with two sites left to certify in their supply chain until the end of the year, has worked with suppliers to educate them on the requirements of the RSPO and the need for all elements of the supply chain to be certified in order to achieve sustainable status. All manufacturing sites are in contact with their suppliers, tracking their progress on providing certified palm oil and derivatives, or moving to palm free alternatives.

The company reports that the level of knowledge and the willingness to comply has varied among suppliers: some have engaged with the issues, whilst other, most smaller suppliers have been less forthcoming. As a result, work on sourcing alternative options has been slow.

Like many other food manufacturers, R&R has found sustainably sourcing the many palm derivatives used in raw materials such as emulsifier-stabiliser blends, colours and flavours, to be the greatest challenge. They believe this will continue to be a challenge, as many of these derivatives are not yet available in a certified format, often because they are not required in great volume (e.g. sucrose esters of fatty acids, ascorbyl palmitate). It is hoped this will change when requirements for the cosmetic industry are put into place.

New EU labelling December 2014

The 13 December 2014 deadline for EU businesses to implement clearer food labelling on all food products is approaching. Changes made to the [European Food Information for Consumers Regulations](#) will make it easier for consumers to identify which products contain palm oil, since the types of vegetable oil used in food products must be stated explicitly on the label. Until now, palm oil has been labelled using the generic term 'vegetable oil.' This should raise awareness levels of palm oil among consumers and support the uptake of sustainable palm oil by product manufacturers.

New Website

Our new website is available at www.gov.uk/government/groups/central-point-of-expertise-on-timber. Palm oil pages can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/making-sustainable-development-a-part-of-all-government-policy-and-operations> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/sustaining-and-enhancing-trees-forests-and-woodland/supporting-pages/using-sustainably-produced-palm-oil>.

Please get in touch on 01305 236 100 or at cpet@efeca.com for further information on how we can provide support.
