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UK Roundtable Meeting on Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil, 16 June

The UK Roundtable on Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil met to review progress and discuss remaining challenges. Rory Stewart, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs, was able to join for the first agenda item. He underlined the importance of working towards achieving 100% sourcing of credibly certified sustainable palm oil. Three trade associations, British Retail Consortium (BRC), Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), gave an overview of their work and challenges over the last 6 months. Other updates on CPET's activities, Defra's work, the RSPO's progress, the Annual Consumption Report, and the European Communications on Palm Oil meeting followed.

***Changes to the RSPO Supply Chain Certification***

Revisions to the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard came into force on 1 April 2015. Key changes include the introduction of two different methodologies for operating a Mass Balance system - continuous accounting systems and fixed inventory periods - as well as the addition of a new "micro-user" membership category that creates less administrative burden and cost (if use is less than 1 metric tonne per annum, auditing is only required every 5 years). Please see BM Trada's summary document [here](#) for a full report on the changes.

***New RSPO Standard: RSPO+***

Addressing issues raised by major companies and institutional investors the RSPO plans to launch an enhanced standard on deforestation, peat land development and indigenous people's rights called RSPO+ this year. The standard will be voluntary until the next revision of Principles & Criteria standards in April 2018. It aims to help producer and buyer members to use the RSPO platform to better explain, demonstrate, and communicate how they are addressing issues around peat, deforestation and social issues. The first draft of the additional addendum will be presented to the Board of Governors in June 2015 and is expected to come into effect in the second half of the year.

RSPO National Initiatives meeting:

A RSPO National Initiatives meeting held on 3 June 2015 in Amsterdam updated stakeholders on some of the ongoing EU national and EU-wide initiatives. Current commitments and progress towards achieving them, as well as lessons learned were discussed. Updates from last year's meeting can be

read in our September 2013 [newsletter](#). Here is a summary of some of the national initiatives presented at this year's meeting:

UK

"The United Kingdom is working towards achieving 100% sourcing of credibly certified sustainable palm oil by the end of 2015". ([UK Statement, 2012](#)).

Eighteen trade associations and NGOs have signed up to the initiative through a government coordinated collaborative approach. The [Food and Catering Government Buying Standard \(GBS\)](#) requires that from the end of 2015 all palm oil (including palm kernel oil and products derived from palm oil) used for cooking and as an ingredient in food must be sustainably produced. In 2013, the estimated total proportion of CSPO imports into the UK was equivalent to either 55% or 71%, depending on which data sources are used as baseline. Figures for 2014 are currently being updated and will be published in autumn 2015.



Netherlands

The [Dutch Task Force for Sustainable Palm Oil](#) has made a commitment of 100% CSPO by 2015 in food products and feedstuff. CSPO has increased from about 61% in 2013 to 72% in 2014 in food products. The animal feed sector has developed its own plan of action to make the 2015 target.



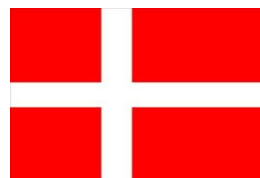
France

By 2015, [Alliance](#) members made a commitment to use 100% RSPO certified palm oil. They have committed to use CSPO with a no peat, deforestation, or conflict and full traceability policy by 2020. In 2013 the Alliance positioned itself as key reference point in the palm oil debate on nutrition in France.



Denmark

The Danish food industry and processors made a commitment in June 2014 to buy 100% CSPO by 2016 including [GreenPalm](#) and by 2018 to have 100% segregated certified palm oil. Large Danish retail companies, who are not part of this commitment, have made progress this year in moving towards achieving mass balance for private label products and obtaining certificates for all else.



Sweden

The Swedish Initiative for Sustainable Palm Oil, driven in part by the 850 members from the Swedish Food Federation, is aiming for 100% sustainable palm oil by 2015, via any GreenPalm certificates, mass balance or segregated supply chain methods. The detergent industry is adopting a similar target, and retailers have adopted individual commitments, in part driven by NGO pressure.



Belgium

The [Belgian Alliance of Sustainable Palm Oil](#) has a national target to achieve 100% sustainable palm oil present in food & feed & non-food products by the end of 2015, and to implement a full traceability, no peat, no HCV policy by 2020. In 2015, the alliance, which is driven by the food sector, took steps to bring retailers, the animal feed industry federation, and the cosmetic industry



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association into the alliance. It also developed its communications strategy to inform the general public on sustainable palm oil.

Germany

The [German Forum Sustainable Palm Oil](#) has committed that by the end of 2014, members will use only CSPO in their products. Their aim is to significantly boost the proportion of segregated CSPO on German, Austrian and Swiss markets and to make 100% certified palm oil available for these markets as soon as possible. As of June 2015 the Forum's members have achieved: 30% CSPO across all sectors, 52% in the food sector, 50% in the cosmetics, personal care and home sector, 10% in the pharmacy and chemistry sector, and 1% in the feed sector.



Norway

Members of the National Initiative in Norway have committed to either reduce use of palm oil in products or to use only RSPO CSPO by 2015, and to use only segregated and traceable palm oil by 2018. This applies to both imports of palm oil and finished products in Norway. The initiative reports that the 2015 goal is 'likely to be met.'



Other EU commitments

Set up only a year ago, the [European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group](#) (ESPOAG) has members including [CAOBISCO](#), [AIBI](#), [IMACE](#), [FEDIMA](#), [FEDIOL](#) and representatives from Malaysia and Indonesia. They are working to support national commitments through coordination and visibility.

CPET Special Newsletter on Sustainable Palm Derivatives in Cleaning and Personal Care Products

Last month CPET published a special newsletter to provide information and guidance to businesses and government departments on sourcing cleaning products and personal care products made with sustainable palm oil derivatives. The newsletter, which can be found [here](#), outlines the complexities in the derivatives supply chain, explains why



sustainable palm-based derivatives have been difficult to source in the past, and provides an overview of what manufacturers are currently doing to manufacture cleaning and personal care products made with sustainable and traceable derivatives. It also provides a quick guide to sourcing certified derivatives. Please contact us for more information on sourcing sustainable palm derivatives.

Can we help?

CPET works with stakeholders from both the private and public sectors to support sustainable palm sourcing. We hold regular webinars and workshops that are open to all. Please get in touch on 01305 236 100 or at cpet@efeca.com for further information.
