



RSPO Supply Chain Certification

What is it?

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is an internationally recognized standard for assuring sustainable production of palm oil across the supply chain, according to specific criteria. Many of the world's major brand owners and retailers now require that their suppliers use RSPO certification to ensure palm oil used in their products is certified.

RSPO Supply Chain certification is increasingly a requirement to sell palm oil to customers in the EU and North American markets.



Why you need It?

Palm oil is found in a growing and diverse set of consumer-packaged goods, and retailers demand to know that the palm oil comes from sustainable sources. Demand for this versatile oil will likely continue to grow due to its performance and price characteristics, thus it is increasingly important to ensure that palm oil production is associated with supporting poverty reduction, safeguarding social-interest, communities and workers, and protecting the environment and wildlife.

RSPO certification is the most widely accepted way to ensure that palm oil you purchase meets international sustainability requirements throughout the supply chain and aligns with major brand-owners and retailer sustainability commitments.

Brand Protection

Consumers and retailers are increasingly requesting sustainable palm oil and palm kernel oil in their products and seeking assurance through RSPO certification. Many companies have already made public commitments to use deforestation-free palm oil in their products, such as:

- PepsiCo
- McDonald's
- Ferrero
- Walmart
- Nestlé
- Unilever
- Colgate-Palmolive
- Bimbo



RSPO certification is increasingly a requirement for any company that sells or uses palm oil.



Steps to Certification

1 Scoping and Project Initiation

- Client ensures they have RSPO membership and then submits application to request a quote for services
- SCS confirms the project scope and provides the client a no-obligation price quote
- Client signs Work Order and returns to SCS to begin the audit process

2 Audit Preparation

- Client implements RSPO procedures into their operational activities
- SCS auditor provides optional pre-assessment and indicates readiness to proceed to on-site audit



3 On-Site Audit & Report

- SCS auditor reviews procedures and documents and conducts an on-site audit of client operations
- SCS provides client with a report of findings on compliance to the RSPO standard
- Client responds to any necessary corrective action requests

4 Final Certification Decision

- SCS head office makes a certification determination and informs RSPO if approved.
- Client is issued a certificate, is listed on the RSPO website, and granted permission to use RSPO trademarks

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