

## Palm Oil Policy

**Scope:** This policy applies to all the business divisions within the AG Barr Group

### 1. PURPOSE

The Company does not directly add palm oil or palm-oil derivatives to its products. Where these may however occur within certain ingredients, the Company is committed to ensuring that the materials are sourced in a manner that meets verified sustainability standards, such as those established by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). These standards include measures to prevent deforestation, protect biodiversity, and help to protect the rights of any affected local communities.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to the Company and covers all ingredients used in Company-owned and manufactured products.

The policy applies to any palm oil that may be contained in ingredients including palm kernel oil, derivatives and fractions.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) has set up certification systems which involve third party certification bodies and are categorised as follows:

- **Identity preserved:** Sustainable palm oil from a single identifiable certified source is kept separately from ordinary palm oil throughout supply chain.
- **Segregated:** Sustainable palm oil from different certified sources is kept separate from ordinary palm oil throughout supply chain.
- **Mass balance:** Sustainable palm oil from certified sources is mixed with ordinary palm oil throughout supply chain.
- **RSPO Credits / Book & Claim:** The supply chain is not monitored for the presence of sustainable palm oil. Manufacturers and retailers can buy Credits from RSPO-certified growers, crushers and independent smallholders.

### 4. POLICY STATEMENT

We do not add palm oil to our products. However, it may be present in small quantities in ingredients such as flavourings or colours. We expect all of our suppliers to contribute towards the use of palm oil that meets verified sustainability standards.

## 5. PROCEDURE

The Company raw material approval process includes a review of all new and existing materials and ingredients for acceptability. Suppliers are required to provide detailed information along with copies of sustainability certification with respect to the presence of any palm oil or its derivatives. We will only accept materials that are certified as sustainable by RSPO in the categories listed above, or to an equivalent standard.

Any change in the status of an ingredient must be notified to us by our suppliers and a further review will then be carried out via the raw material approval process.

Our internal audit program includes review of the raw material approval process including checks of palm oil sustainability certification. To support this, we will focus on how we improve transparency and this will include reporting on progress and non-compliances of unsustainably sourced palm oil or derivatives that have been identified.

When developing new products or amending existing products, we shall ensure that where any potential materials/ ingredients contain palm oil that it is from a certified sustainable source.

Where non-sustainably sourced palm oil is identified in our supply chain, we will work closely with our suppliers to remove this from our supply chain and ensure conformance to our policy as quickly as possible. However if the supplier is unwilling or unable to conform, we will take appropriate action with the supplier.

## 6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS / LINKS

<https://rspo.org/>

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