

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIALES DE ACEITES Y MANTECAS COMESTIBLES, A.C. (ANIAME)

1.2 Membership number

8-0199-17-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Associations

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Mexico

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

No

2.2 Please select all the sectors that best describe the business activities of your company or organisation, including your primary RSPO membership sector. You may select multiple sectors and will be required to complete the ACOP form for the relevant sectors

- I finance or support companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a conservation and environmental NGO
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a social and human development NGO
- I am an Affiliate member of the RSPO, indirectly involved in the palm oil industry

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDIBLE OILS & SHORTENING PRODUCERS, ANIAME, is the organization which represents the interests of oilseed and oil palm processing companies in Mexico. Our members are crushing companies; crude oil refining companies; and companies consuming refined oils to produce products with higher added value. ANIAME's members seek to produce sustainable, quality & competitively priced oils & fats. To achieve this, ANIAME promotes a higher national production of oilseeds and oil palm. Among others ANIAME's activities include to represent the oils & fats sector in trade negotiations; the elaboration of government and industry standards; the analysis of Mexican and global markets of oilseeds, oils & fats, and protein meals; to be in contact with government authorities (Economy, Agriculture, Health, Environment, etc) and with kindred private associations and institutions. In 2020, ANIAME continued to promote the development of sustainability certification schemes for Mexico: the National Interpretation of RSPO Principles & Criteria and a Mexican Standard based on RSPO P&C.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

After multiple face-to-face and virtual meetings of a technical working group made up of more than 50 actors in the palm oil value chain, civil society organizations, researchers, government, held over almost two years of work; and having passed the corresponding public consultation period and the necessary review and adjustments requested by the certification management of RSPO Malaysia, finally, at the meeting of the RSPO Board of Directors, held on June 25, 2020, it was ratified by unanimously the approval of the NATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA RSPO 2018 for Mexico.

Francisco Naranjo, director of RSPO for Latin America, expressed great appreciation to ANIAME, for leading the National Interpretation process for Mexico and thanked the participants for their active support. to the process.

Naranjo highlighted the strength of the facilitating team and the great participation in the technical work group, mentioning that he had come across one of the best processes that he had known: from the meetings of the technical work group, the public consultation that included forums in the field in the main palm states of Mexico and the reception of hundreds of comments.

In parallel, ANIAME, with the support of the Mexican government, also concluded the process of preparing a Mexican standard, based on the RSPO Principles and Criteria 2018. The Mexican Standard began to be developed in April 2018 and, after eight sessions of the technical working group, the drafting of the Mexican Standard Project was concluded in October, which was published on November 23, 2018 in the Official Gazette of the Federation for the corresponding period of 60 calendar days for public consultation.

The public consultation ended on January 23, 2019. Finally, on February 25, 2020, the Technical Committee for National Standardization of Various Industries approved the publication of the declaration of validity as the final standard of the NMX-F-817-SCFI-2020 OIL - THAT ESTABLISHES THE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL VALUE CHAIN. And it was on July 1 that the Ministry of Economy, through the General Directorate of Standards, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation the declaration of validity of the Mexican Standard NMX-F-817-SCFI-2020.

The Mexican Standard respects and reflects the principles of RSPO, in terms of impact on prosperity and the social aspect of people, in addition to the benefits to the planet that the cultivation and processing of oil palm must have.

The NMX takes advantage of the strength of Mexican environmental legislation to create a Mexican certification scheme, in order to make it more affordable for all members of the chain, especially the first link, which are oil palm producers and which constitute a great social base of this agro-industrial crop.

The NMX entered into force six months after the date of publication in the Official Gazette, that is, on January 1, 2021.

Without a doubt, great news for the oil palm production chain in our country and a huge step in the right direction on the road to sustainability.

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

Yes

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

ANIAME's work is financed by a budget approved annually by our Board of Directors. All the actions undertaken by our Association are financed by fees paid by our members.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

The path to palm sustainability in Mexico is still being traced: with the approval of the Mexican National Interpretation in RSPO and with the publication in the Official Gazette of the declaration of validity of the NMX of the sustainable palm oil value chain, a first objective has been met.

In the future, the pending task is to make these sustainability platforms known in such a way that they obtain the acceptance and recognition of the final consumer companies of palm oil in Mexico.

To do this, ANIAME is organizing a virtual event to disseminate and socialize this strategy for the sustainability of oil palm in Mexico.

The main objective of the forum "Towards the social and sustainable development of the oil palm production chain" is to ensure that, for the final consumer of Mexican palm oil, it is indifferent that the certification is carried out through RSPO or via the NMX and, of course, to raise awareness of "shared responsibility" among the links in the Mexican oil palm production chain.

The event is aimed at those companies that use palm oil or palm oil-based products as a raw material or as an ingredient to make a final product; palm oil producers and mills; palm oil processors, government authorities, particularly the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Economy, and, of course, social and environmental NGOs.

In the case of the NMX, in addition to the socialization event, ANIAME has maintained contact with the Mexican Accreditation Entity (ema), in order to make the NMX better known to the production chain and to create the necessary infrastructure of units of verification, laboratories and certification bodies that put this valuable tool into operation.

The meeting with ema was held in August 2020 and 15 laboratories of certification bodies participated and have expressed interest in being accredited as certifying bodies for the sustainability of oil palm and palm oil production. in Mexico, under the criteria established by NMX-817.

And, derived from the boost that the Mexican government intends to give to the certification scheme of the Mexican standard, the Working Group for the Sustainability of Oil Palm was set up.

The environmental authority in Mexico has developed a software in which the properties of the oil palm plantations in Mexico are geo-referenced. Through the information contained in this database, the past and present of each property can be identified to determine its correct location in permitted areas, in accordance with sustainability criteria.

A great tool, since this platform officially and quickly endorses the information and that would facilitate one of the most important procedures of the RSPO certification. .

This working group reflects the interest that government authorities maintain in the issue of palm in Mexico, which should be taken advantage of today that the government is more open to discussing the cultivation of oil palm, especially for small producers.

The objective of this inter-institutional effort is for the Oil Palm Sector to ensure that the cultivation of Oil Palm is sustainable in Mexico, safeguarding biodiversity of its ecosystems and that small producers produce with quality from the sowing of the palm seed to oil extraction for industry and national and international consumer companies.

Without a doubt, the Mexican oil palm chain is in a privileged position due to the recent approval of the IN RSPO. Mexico can be considered a unique case in the world, because at the same time, it also has an NMX for palm. ANIAME will continue with the necessary work for the instrumentation and recognition of both sustainability platforms for the Mexican oil palm chain.

Challenges and Support

1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
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- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

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1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- No actions taken
- Others

Others

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1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

We can share with you the official web site of the National Interpretation process in Mexico:
www.inrspomexico.org