

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Agricultural Industries Confederation Limited

1.2 Membership number

8-0209-18-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Associations

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

United Kingdom

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?

Agricultural Industries Confederation Ltd (AIC) is a trade association for the agri-supply industry, representing its members in sectors such as animal feed, fertiliser, crop protection, grain and seed, environment and policy.

AIC works in support of modern, sustainable, commercial agriculture and within each sector provides technical advice and lobbies with government and non-government bodies.

AIC Services is the professional services arm of AIC, providing trade assurance schemes, management services, events and training within the agri supply industry.

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

AIC Services operates a RSPO Credits purchase scheme to support its feed sector members and trade assurance participants who are not direct supply chain members of RSPO.

Our members have been kept informed of events, policy and updates from RSPO where relevant to the animal feed sector.

We have liaised with retailers on sustainability policy and RSPO with respect to the supply chain of palm oil and derivatives into animal feed and thereby into the human consumer supply.

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

2.0%

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

No

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)?

No

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

AIC membership fees fund information provision and the operation of our RSPO Credit purchase scheme.

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)

AIC will maintain its RSPO Credit purchase scheme for members of the AIC Feed sector and trade assurance participants and encourage its use among members to build the use of CSPO within animal feed supply chains.

We will continue to develop knowledge and awareness of sustainable palm oil within the animal feed sector via website updates and information sent to members and provided to AIC committees. _____

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
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

Among palm oil users that are members of AIC, larger businesses are direct supply chain members of RSPO. The AIC Palm Oil Credit Scheme (APOCS) exists to offer an alternative route for smaller users of palm oil.

Some of our members use other certification schemes, not RSPO, for accreditation of their palm oil supply.

The challenge to the use of palm oil in animal feed is rising in the retail sector due to consumer awareness and focus has been trained on sustainability of the whole supply chain of meat, dairy and other livestock products. Alternatives to palm oil and derivatives are being investigated and trialled.

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

AIC attend the UK Roundtable on Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil

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

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