

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

BASF SE

1.2 Membership number

2-0010-04-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Germany

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

Yes

2.1 Please select all description(s) that describe the palm oil-related activities of your company or organisation. Multiple selections are allowed, and not limited to the primary sector of the member's RSPO membership. You will be required to complete the relevant ACOP section based on your selection(s).

- I own and operate oil palm estate(s) and/or palm oil mill(s)
- I represent a palm oil Independent Smallholder farmer Group
- I own and operate independent palm oil mills
- I own and operate independent palm kernel crushing plants
- I trade or broker palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I am a refiner of palm oil or palm kernel oil
- I am a processor of intermediate (B2B) palm oil, palm kernel oil or related ingredients
- I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I manufacture consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors.
- I retail consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I operate food retail outlets that use 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

Processors & Traders

1. Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your company's main activity within the palm oil supply chain.

- Refiner of CPO and PKO
- Palm Kernel Crusher
- Trader with Physical Possession
- Trader without Physical Possession
- Integrated Refiner-Trader-Processor
- Intermediate Products Producer
- Power, Energy and Biofuel Processor
- Animal Feed Producer
- Oleochemicals Producer
- Distribution & Logistics
- Other

Other

Processor & producer of home and personal care ingredients _____

2. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption

Information in Section 2.0 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Sourcing is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data on palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products consumed of individual members, sectors and RSPO members as a whole. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted. Incomplete ACOP reports may lead to suspension or termination of RSPO membership.

2.1 Please include details of all certified and uncertified operations using palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products, owned and/or managed by the member and/or all entities that belong to the group.

As processor of palm oil products BASF buys mainly palm kernel oil and its primary derivatives (Fatty Alcohol, Fatty Acids) for further processing these raw materials into different types of ingredients (Emulsifier, Surfactants, Emollients, Pearlizer, Ethoxylates ...) to be used as raw materials for different markets by our customers with a strong focus on the Home and Personal Care market but not limited to.

2.1.1 In which markets do you sell goods with palm oil and palm oil -related products?

Europe, North America, China, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Africa, Latin America, Rest of the World

DL.2.0 In order to facilitate ease of reporting and transparency, RSPO members operating within the palm oil demand supply chain can now choose to report palm oil and palm oil product volumes on:

an aggregate level (as in previous ACOP reporting cycles)

2.2 Volumes of uncertified and certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related product sourced in the year

Description	Tonnes
Crude palm oil, including derivatives refined from CPO (tonnes)	29959.0
Crude palm kernel oil, including derivatives refined from CPKO (tonnes)	411149.0
Crude palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.0
Total	441108

2.3 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sourced in the year (tonnes):

Description	Crude Palm Oil (CSPO) and CSPO Derivatives	Crude Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO) and CSPKO Derivatives	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.0	0.0	0.0
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mass Balance (MB)	24968.0	197879.0	0.0
Segregated (SG)	0.0	10657.0	0.0
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	24968.0	208536.0	0.0

2.4 According to the volume information you have provided in Question PT.2.2 and Question PT.2.3, your company's certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake is:

52.94%

2.4.1 Please provide additional information on your certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake calculated in PT.2.4. This may include changes due to business environment, evolving nature of operations or variations due to stock positions

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2.5 What is the estimated percentage of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in the palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sold, traded or processed by your company in the following regions:

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0.0
North America	0.0
Malaysia	0.0
Indonesia	0.0
China	0.0
India	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Africa	0.0
Rest of World	0.0

3. TimeBound Plan

3.1 Which year did your company achieve/obtain (or expects to achieve/obtain) the RSPO supply chain certification or RSPO trader/distributor licence?

2012

3.2 Which year did your company start (or expect to start) to source any RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products?

2012

3.2.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.

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3.3 Which year did your company achieve (or expects to achieve) 100% RSPO certification of all palm product processing facilities.

2020

3.3.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.

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3.4 Year expected to only source 100% RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products.

2026

3.4.1 If target has not been met, please explain why.

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3.5 If the TimeBound Plan commitments declared above do not cover all countries in which the member operates, please explain why

applies globally

4. Actions For Next Reporting Period

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

BASF offers since 2012 a broad range of MB palm- and palm kernel oil based ingredients for the Personalcare industry globally. BASF is continuously launching further MB certified palm kernel oil based products in all regions depending on the market development. However, the establishment of certified sustainable supply chains for oleochemicals is complex. BASF uses mainly palm kernel oil or palm kernel oil based derivatives. In 2018, BASF has implemented a major portfolio shift towards sustainable palm and will offer palm-based specialities for the cosmetics industry exclusively as RSPO certified. We have switched about 330 palm-based products to 'Mass Balance' standard in the course of 2018

globally. Additionally BASF has reached a quota of 100% of entire palm- and palm kernel oil demand being sourced RSPO certified in 2020.

We see it as part of our responsibility to work intensively with the companies from which we buy, to engage more closely with the palm supply chain from the smallholder farmer to the end consumer, and to look deeply into the upstream consequences of using and selling products based on palm oil and palm kernel oil. To foster this goal we take part in global Palm initiatives and networks with various stakeholders in order to drive acceleration in market transformation. Here the RSPO certification process is the most transparent and effective global initiative to improve the entire palm sector and it provides the necessary infrastructure to monitor market transformation in a transparent manner.

In addition BASF to the already met (in 2020) time bound target of sourcing palm- and palm-kernel oil to 100% as RSPO certified BASF will be working on the second time bound target of sourcing all palm- and palm kernel oil derivatives (e.g. Fatty Acids, Fatty Alcohols, Methyl ester) to 100% as RSPO certified sustainable by 2025. By this BASF will drive even further the market transformation towards certified sustainable oil palm value chains.

Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

1.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

Yes

1.1.1 Does the policy cover:

- No discrimination
- Wage and working conditions
- Freedom of association
- No child labour
- No harassment
- No forced or trafficked labour

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

1.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

Yes

1.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- Recruitment
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

Land Use

1.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Land Use?

Yes

1.3.1 Does the policy cover:

- Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Compensation

Occupational Health & Safety

1.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

Yes

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**1.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

Yes

1.5.1 Does the policy cover:

- Identification and assessment of GHG
- Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

Complaints & Grievances**1.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?**

Yes

1.6.1 Is your Complaints & Grievance mechanism in line with the principles of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, which are the elements of fairness, transparency, and impartiality?

Yes

Smallholders**1.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

1.7.1 Does this support cover:

- Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- Improved Smallholder livelihoods

1.7.2 How is your company supporting them?

BASF has incorporated smallholder inclusion in their Palm Commitment and we are conducting smallholder projects to deliver on this commitment.

Sustainable Palm Oil Policy

1.8 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering the implementation of RSPO Shared Responsibility principles?

Yes _____

Waste Management

1.9 Does your company have a waste management plan?

Yes _____

Water Management

1.10 Does your company have a water management plan?

Yes _____

Energy Use

1.11 Does your company have an energy use plan covering fossil fuels and renewable energy?

Yes _____

RSPO Services and Support

1.12 Does your company provide services and support to the RSPO, eg. participation in RSPO Working Groups and Task Forces

Yes _____

Shared Responsibility Resourcing

1.13 Does your company have a plan to commit resources to ensure effective implementation of RSPO Shared Responsibility principles?

Yes _____

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

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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

BASF Palm Sourcing Policy
<https://www.basf.com/global/en/who-we-are/sustainability/we-source-responsibly/palm-dialog.html>
 BASF supplier Code of Conduct
 (<https://www.basf.com/global/en/who-we-are/organization/suppliers-andpartners/sustainability-in-procurement/supplier-code-ofconduct.html>)