

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

National Edible Oil Distributors' Association

1.2 Membership number

8-0017-05-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Organisations

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?

The National Edible Oil Distributor's Association (NEODA) are a UK based trade association who's members include edible oil and fats refiners, processors, distributors, waste oil collectors (who also sell fresh oil).

The association's key objective is to promote the interests of its members and raise standards across the entire edible oil packing and distributive trade.

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

NEODA has regular contact with the RSPO and is an active member of the UK Roundtable on sustainable palm oil. We have supported the move towards sustainable palm oil for over 11 years, with the assistance of our refiner members, and have had the RSPO present updates at our AGM.

We have been working with EFECA (Economics Climate Environment) to promote the move towards 100% segregated palm oil. We have interviewed to understand what the barriers were to do this and have then helped work towards breaking down these barriers. We have now adopted a change in our code of practice, which is voluntary at first, to support 100% segregated palm oil.

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

20.0%

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)?

Yes

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

As we are trade association, we are funded through our members. We are fortunate to have all of the main refiners as our members, including Daabon, Bunge, ADM/Olenex, Cargill and AAK.

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)

We will implement the new code of practice in the coming months and are still working with EFCA, funded by the UK government, on a new communications program to address the public.

We will continue to support our members in their move towards 100% segregated targets and assist them in communicating with their customer base.

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

<https://www.neoda.org.uk/sustainability/>