

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

BCS Öko Garantie Colombia S.A.S.

1.2 Membership Number

8-0200-17-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Colombia

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 am a bank or financial institution that finances or supports companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I am a conservation and environmental NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- I am a social and human development NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- 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?

BCS OKO GARANTIE COLOMBIA S.A.S. belongs to the KIWA GROUP. The Kiwa that gives the present-day company its name was founded in 1948 by the Dutch drinking water companies, they wanted to safeguard drinking water supply in the country by having every item that might come into contact with drinking water, examined. In those days, KIWA (in capitals) was an acronym for Keuringsinstituut voor Waterleiding Artikelen (Institution for the Examination of Waterworks Articles). Nowadays, we've dropped the acronym as today's Kiwa comprises much more than just drinking water expertise. We're globally active in a wealth of markets, offering a broad range of products and services. Kiwa BCS has more than 27 years of experience in organic certification and 5 years of experience in RSPO certification. In 1992, BCS was the first German certificate to be registered in accordance with the European Union Organic Regulation (EEC 2092/91). According to its versatile accreditations, records and collaborations, Kiwa BCS is able to provide access to all organic markets (Global Organic Market) all over the world at one time. Kiwa BCS provides services in around 80 countries in the world with its local branches and local auditor network. We do so in a wide variety of markets segments, ranging from construction and energy supply to drinking water, healthcare, food, feed & farming. Areas of expertise include management systems, corporate social responsibility and lab testing, among many others. We have clients in manufacturing and process industries, (business) services, public and private utilities, governments and international institutions. Kiwa employs over 4.300 people in more than 100 offices in over 45 countries across the world, mainly in Europe, Asia and Latin America. We have accreditation to provide RSPO Certification (P&C and SCC) with the worldwide scope obtained in 2021. We also have accreditation and experience in other certification standards such as GLOBALG.A.P. and its Add-on modules, Food safety standards and authorization for 4C and ISCC.

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

We have published on social networks such as twitter, Facebook, on the Kiwa website, motivating the RSPO certification. Meetings with stakeholders motivating the certification process. Active participation as certification body in the activities proposed by RSPO as: meetings, trainings and others.

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

10.0%

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)?

No

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

It depends on the sales we make for the provision of the service.

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)

BCS promotes the seal through meetings with clients, stakeholders, participation in RSPO events, seal publicity on our social networks and web pages.

Thanks to the new worldwide scope, we hope to offer our service as control body in different countries around the world.

A restructuring of the certification service fees is carried out and combined audits are carried out to make access to certification more affordable.

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

1. High costs of accreditation to provide the certification service.
1. Delays in the reply by competent authorities on legal issues: It affects the members, efforts: before starting the audit process, BCS reminds about the importance of managing the legal procedures on time.

Efforts: With the help of our new scope, we want to increase the number of clients to be more competitive and we can more actively promote certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO).

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?

- Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Engagement with peers and clients
- Promotion of CSPO through off product claims
- 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

RSPO Certification Link:

[www.kiwa.com/lat/es/productos/certificacion-rspo/?](http://www.kiwa.com/lat/es/productos/certificacion-rspo/?fbclid=IwAR1fL8bsmphYxqEHWv1mwqXa9TONwkCBSPan5eiws3uOwTT75ciMww1POro)

responsibility

<https://www.kiwa.com/en/about-kiwa/corporate-social-responsibility-csr/>
