

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Member Name

Vepochemie AG

#### 1.2 Membership Number

9-5000-23-000-00

#### 1.3 Membership Sector

Supply Chain Associate

#### 1.4 Membership Category

Associate

#### 1.5 Country

Switzerland

### 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 - Processors and/or Traders
- I trade or broker palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- I am a refiner of palm oil or palm kernel oil - Processors and/or Traders
- I am a processor of intermediate (B2B) palm oil, palm kernel oil or related fractions/derivatives - Processors and/or Traders
- I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- I manufacture final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- I retail final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- I operate food retail outlets that use palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- 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

## Consumer Goods Manufacturers

### 1. Operational Profile

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

- Food Good Manufacturer - own brand
- Food Good Manufacturer - third-party brand
- Home & Personal Care Good Manufacturer - own brand
- Home & Personal Care Good Manufacturer - third-party brand
- Ingredient Manufacturers
- Biofuels
- Other

Other

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## 2. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption

*Information in Section 2.0 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data on palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products consumed, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate uptake 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 list down all operations and subsidiaries using palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products that are owned and/or managed by the member, including those under Group Membership**

We manufacture consumer products, i.e. cleaning products for end consumers (B2C) that contain palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. We are autonomous and independent and do not belong to any group.

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**2.1.1 In which markets does your company sell goods with palm oil and oil palm products?**

Europe â°

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**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)

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**2.2 Total volume of uncertified and certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products**

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude palm oil (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of crude palm kernel oil (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of crude palm oil/palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	3.60
Total	3.60

**2.2.1 Please estimate the percentage of derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.2) derived from palm oil or from palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based derivatives.**

Description	Percentage
Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	85
Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	15

**2.3 Please estimate the regional distribution of your company's uncertified and certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sales (as declared in Question 2.2) in the following countries/regions.**

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	100
North America	0
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

**2.4 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products in the year:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)</b>	<b>Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)</b>	<b>Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)</b>	<b>Certified Derivatives and Fractions</b>
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**2.4.1 Please estimate the percentage of RSPO-certified derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.4) derived from RSPO-certified palm oil or from RSPO-certified palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Certified Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	0
Certified Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	0

**2.5 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.4, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:**

0.00%

**2.5.1 Please provide additional information on your certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake. This may include your usage of RSPO Credits to cover gaps in certified uptake, changes due to business environment, variations due to stock positions or efforts to support independent smallholders beyond volume commitments.**

In 2022, we have not yet purchased any oleochemicals with certified palm oil. Since April 2023, we have only been purchasing RSPO MB qualities. With the conversion factors, we have determined the quantity of oleochemicals as of 1.1.23. To compensate the stock we will buy 2 credits for 2'006 kg.

**3. TimeBound Plan**

**3.1 Which year did your company achieve (or expects to achieve) the RSPO supply chain certification?**

2023

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**3.2 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products in own-brand products**

2023

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**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 begin (or expects to begin) using only RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from any supply chain option in own-brand products.**

2023

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

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**3.4 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using only RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from physical supply chain options (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) in own-brand products.**

2023

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

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**4. Trademark Use****4.1 Does your company use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark in own-brand products?**Yes

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**4.2 Please select the countries where your company uses or intends to use the Trademark**Switzerland

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**4.2.1 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using the RSPO Trademark**2023

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## 5. Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

- Participation in RSPO Working Group or Task Forces
- Support Independent Smallholders (ISH)
- Contribute to the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy
- Financial contribution to the RSPO Smallholder Support Fund
- Direct investments in Smallholder Certification projects
- Involvement/direct investments in Jurisdictional/Landscape approach
- Direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- Financial contribution to support members with Remediation and Compensation (RaCP) process, direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- Allocating FTE to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable oil palm products
- Specific policies and action plans by the member to promote CSPO production or consumption in the upstream or downstream supply chain, including target dates or broader policies that include such efforts
- No activities planned
- Others

Other

We have told all suppliers like BTC Ludwigshafen, that we will only buy RSPO MB qualities and that they should offer these products. We achieve better scores in the degradability of our cleaning products that end up in wastewater. On our website [www.vepo.ch-umweltschutz](http://www.vepo.ch-umweltschutz), we indicate our commitment to producing well-biodegradable products in an environmentally friendly way. We explain what RSPO stands for and that palm oil is the highest-yielding alternative to petrochemicals. We also explain why we support the promotion of sustainable qualities and why we use them.



## 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

We partly had to change suppliers.

### 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

We inform on our website why sustainably produced palm oil is important for the industry and consumers. We show that sustainable production is the best alternative for vegetable oil production.

### 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://vepo.ch/umweltschutz>