

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organisation

ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIALES DE ACEITES Y MANTECAS COMESTIBLES, A.C. (ANIAME) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- Palm Oil Grower
- Processor and/or Trader
- Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- Retailer
- Bank and/or Investor
- Social and/or Development NGO
- Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- Affiliate

#### 1.3 Membership number

8-0199-17-000-00 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1.4 Membership category

Associations \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

## Affiliates

### 1. Operational Profile

#### 1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDIBLE OILS & SHORTENING PRODUCERS, ANIAME, is the organization which represents the interests of oilseed and oil palm processing companies in Mexico. Our members are crushing companies; crude oil refining companies; and companies consuming refined oils to produce products with higher added value. ANIAME's members seek to produce sustainable, quality & competitively priced oils & fats. To achieve this, ANIAME promotes a higher national production of oilseeds and oil palm. Among others ANIAME's activities include to represent the oils & fats sector in trade negotiations; the elaboration of government and industry standards; the analysis of Mexican and global markets of oilseeds, oils & fats, and protein meals; to be in contact with government authorities (Economy, Agriculture, Health, Environmente, etc) and with kindred private associations and institutions. Currently, ANIAME continues to promote the development of sustainability certification schemes for Mexico: the National Interpretation of RSPO Principles & Criteria and a Mexican Standard based on RSPO P&C.

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

NATIONAL INTERPRETATION PROCESS: To support the implementation of the RSPO P&C on country level and encourage a sustainable palm oil industry in México, ANIAME has been promoting and funding the NI process. With help of the facilitation team, e3 Consultora Ambiental, the National Interpretation Working Group (NIWG) was officially formed during 2017 with the participation of more than 50 organizations including growers, supply chain actors, government representatives, environmental and social civil society organizations, financial institutions and other stakeholders. On February 2019, after eight working meetings, the Mexico NI draft was approved by the NIWG and a series of public consultations forums organized and funded by ANIAME were carried out in order for all stakeholders involved in the sustainable palm oil industry in the country to get to know the NI and contribute to the inclusion of relevant information. The forums were held in Escárcega City, Campeche, Balancán and Villahermosa, Tabasco, Tapachula and Palenque, Chiapas and Acayucan, Veracruz, the four Mexican states which are the main producers of oil palms. Nearly 407 people related to the sustainable palm oil sector participated in these forums, including small and medium size growers, local governments, financial entities and local NGOs. Particularly, during the Public Consultation Forum held in Tapachula City, the then technical manager of RSPO in Latin America, Katherin Ibarra, presented the new independent smallholder standar and its certification. To facilitate the presentation of the NI and explain the work methodology during these forums, ANIAME, with the help of the facilitation team, designed and printed materials that were delivered and explained to the attendees. After the forums and until the end of the public consultation period (July 19, 2019), the reception of comments by electronic means was kept open. All the comments collected in person, as well as the comments received electronically, were organized by criteria and based on their theme or impact objective, so all contributions were integrated into three documents corresponding to their goal impact: prosperity, people and planet. Once the comments received during public consultation were organized, the next WG meeting was convened in order to review and discuss each comment to analyze the relevance of its incorporation into the final version of the NI. To do so, the Ninth Working Group meeting was held on August 8 and 9 in Mexico City. During the ninth meeting it was possible to review 100% of the contributions related to the prosperity and environmental impact goal, on the other hand, the comments related to the social issues included in the impact goal prosperity document achieved a 33% advance. The 10th reunion was celebrated in Mexico City and during the meeting it was possible to analyze all comments. The facilitator team agreed to make public all comments resolution by its publication in the Mexico National Interpretation website: [www.inrspomexico.org](http://www.inrspomexico.org), and to integrate the final version of the NI to shared it with WG so it could be validated by all members, to be subsequently translated into English and send it to RSPO for review and approval. The final version of the Mexican NI draft was sent to RSPO on November 2019. MEXICAN STANDARD BASED UPON RSPO P&C PROCESS: After the ending of public consultation on January 2019, the working group of the Mexican Standard, led by the Ministry of Economy's National Standards Office, and supported by the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment, ANIAME, oil palm growers organization (COMEXPALMA), held several meetings to review all comments received. After eight meetings, on October 2019, the working group approved the final version of the Mexican Standard which is ready to be published on the official gazette in 2020.

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

50.0%

#### 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)?

Yes

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

ANIAME's work is financed by a budget approved annually by our Board of Directors. All the actions undertaken by our Association are financed by fees paid by our members. For the NI process, ANIAME's members agreed to pay an extraordinary fee. The process was also partially funded by the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture and it also received the funding support of RSPO, via RSPO Latin America office.

## 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)

In 2020, ANIAME is encouraging the RSPO approval of the Mexican NI. Currently, the Mexican NI draft is in its final review by the Standards Standing Committee, so it can be on the agenda for approval in the next Board of Governors meeting. ANIAME is looking forward for this approval to organize in Mexico City a Sustainability Day “Towards Social and Sustainable Development of the Mexican Oil Palm Productive Chain”, which would take place on the second semester of the year. In this forum, ANIAME aims to socialize and publicize to all the actors in the productive chain the Mexican NI as a sustainability certification scheme. For this, we will have the participation and support of RSPO Latin America office and the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture , among other distinguished guests and participants. On this Sustainability Day, ANIAME is also planning to socialize the Mexican Standard based upon RSPO Principle & Criteria, which is now ready to become an official standard in the next few weeks, when is published on the Mexican Federal Register by the National Standards Office.

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### 3. Challenges

**3.1 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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**3.2 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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**3.3 If your organisation has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here**

We can share with you the official web site of the National Interpretation process in Mexico: [www.inrspomexico.org](http://www.inrspomexico.org) \_\_\_\_\_