

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

BASF SE

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

2-0010-04-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

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
- ☒ Food and Non-Food Ingredients Producer
- ☐ Power, Energy and Biofuel Processor
- ☐ Animal Feed Producer
- ☒ Oleochemicals Producer
- ☐ Distribution & Logistics
- ☐ Other

Other

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2. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption

Information in Section 2 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Sourcing is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data on palm oil and palm oil products consumed, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate uptake on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

2.1 Please include details of all operations using palm oil, 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.

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

Applies globally

2.2 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil products sourced in the year:

Description	Tonnes
Crude palm oil, including derivatives refined from CPO (tonnes)	25487.0
Crude palm kernel oil, including derivatives refined from CPKO (tonnes)	356515.0
Crude palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.0
Total	382002.0

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

Description	Crude Palm Oil (CPO) 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)	6724.0	110723.0	0.0
Segregated (SG)	9259.0	30497.0	0.0
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	15983.0	141220.0	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 and palm oil products uptake is:

41.15%

2.5 What is the estimated percentage of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in the palm oil and palm oil products sold 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 for PT.3.2 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 for PT.3.3 has not been met, please explain why.

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3.4 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) sourcing only 100% RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products.

2026

3.5 If the TimeBound Plan commitments declared above do not cover all countries in which the member sells goods with palm oil or palm oil products, please explain why

applies globally

3.6 How does your company proactively promote RSPO and RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products to your customers?

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 83,4% of entire palm kernel oil demand being sourced RSPO certified in 2019.

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)

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 has a time bound commitment for 2020 to source 100% RSPO certified palm kernel oil.

5. Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) 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

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

Yes

5.1.1 Does the policy cover:

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

5.1.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Labour & Labour Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

Yes

5.2.1 Does the policy cover:

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

5.2.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Ethical Conduct & Human Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Land Use

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

Yes

5.3.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- ☐ Compensation

5.3.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Land Use policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Occupational Health & Safety**5.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**

Yes

5.4.1 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Occupational Health & Safety policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**5.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

Yes

5.5.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ Identification and assessment of GHG
- ☒ Public reporting of GHG footprint
- ☒ Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

5.5.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas policy or report in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Complaints & Grievances**5.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?**

Yes

5.6.1 Is your Complaints & Grievances mechanism in line with the RSPO's grievance mechanism? For details of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, please go to <https://askrspo.force.com/Complaint/s/>

Yes

Smallholders**5.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

5.7.1 Does this support cover:

- ☒ Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- ☒ Improved Smallholder livelihoods

5.7.2 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.

6. Challenges

6.1 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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6.2 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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6.3 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.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-and-partners/sustainability-in-procurement/supplier-code-of-conduct.html>)