

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

BÄKO Mitteldeutschland eG

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

2-0595-15-000-00

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

Distributor and wholesaler without physical possession

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.

We, BÄKO Mitteldeutschland eG (headquarters in St. Egidien and second headquarters in Krostitz), are supplied by various suppliers with products that sometimes contain certified and conventional palm oil. The delivered products are resold to our customers without physical possession. Due to the fact that we are a wholesaler of more than 10,000 products (mainly baking agents, oils and fats as well as frozen end products), which almost always contain a small percentage of palm oil (conventional or certified MB / SG), it is for us very difficult to determine the total amount of certified and non-certified palm oil. Especially since we do not always receive the necessary information (for points 2.2 ; 2.3 ; 2.4. And 2.5. And percentages) from the supplier / manufacturer based on the secret of the recipe.

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

Germany

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)	0.0
Crude palm kernel oil, including derivatives refined from CPKO (tonnes)	0.0
Crude palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.0
Total	0.0

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)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Segregated (SG)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	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:

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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?

2015

3.2 Which year did your company start (or expect to start) to source any RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products?

2015

3.2.1 If the previous target year for PT.3.2 has not been met, please explain why.

Distributor license since August 2015

3.3 Which year did your company achieve (or expects to achieve) 100% RSPO certification of all palm product processing facilities.

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3.3.1 If the previous target year for PT.3.3 has not been met, please explain why.

BÄ„KO Mitteldeutschland eG is a wholesaler. Out of this reason we don't seek a RSPO certification.

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

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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

BÄ„KO Mitteldeutschland eG is a wholesaler- The selling of RSPO certificated products depends on the suppliers quotation and customer requirement.

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

As a trading company, BÄ„KO Mitteldeutschland eG relies on offers from suppliers and manufacturers. However, in the past 2 years we have been able to observe that the growing customer requirements with regard to sustainability, also with our manufacturers / suppliers, are increasingly placing sustainability in the foreground and that we are increasingly receiving offers of products with certified palm oil for our customers. In addition, we have been informing our customers since 2018 after receiving the brand license by printing the RSPO logo on our letterheads, business cards and banners that they can purchase sustainable palm oil products from us.

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 will continue to advertise to our customers by printing the RSPO logo on our letterheads, business cards and banners so that they can purchase sustainable palm oil products in our house.

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?

No

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?

No

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

No

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?**

No

5.7.3 Do you have any future plans to support oil palm Independent Smallholders?

No

5.7.4 Please explain why you are not planning to support oil palm independent smallholders

We as wholesalers have no contact with small Farmers.

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

Listing of RSPO certified products

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

none