

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

Hero AG

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

4-0979-17-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Consumer Goods Manufacturers

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

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 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption - 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 list down all operations and subsidiaries using palm oil that are owned and/or managed by the member, including those under Group Membership

Schwartauer Werke GmbH, Hero España SA, Semper AB, Hero Gida San, Hero Nederland, Hero AG, Organix Brands Ltd, Hero Rus LLC, Hero Portugal Lda, Hero Czech, Hero Slovakia, Hero Trading Co.

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

Bahrain ,Belgium ,China ,Czech Republic ,Denmark ,Egypt ,Finland ,Germany ,Iraq ,Italy ,Netherlands ,Norway ,Portugal ,Russia ,Saudi Arabia ,Spain ,Sweden ,Switzerland ,Turkey ,United Arab Emirates ,United Kingdom

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil products (palm-content only) used in your company's own-brand products and in products produced by your company for third-party brands in the year:

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude/refined palm oil (tonnes)	892.0
Total volume of crude/refined palm kernel oil (tonnes)	147.0
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.0
Total volume of palm oil/palm kernel oil derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	9.0
Total	1048.0

2.2.6 Please estimate the percentage of derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.2.4) 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	80.0
Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	20.0

2.3 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil and palm oil products used in your company's own brand products and in products produced by your company for third-party brands in the year (tonnes):

Description	Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)	Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)	Certified Derivatives and Fractions
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mass Balance (MB)	197.0	24.0	0.0	5.0
Segregated (SG)	674.0	123.0	0.0	0.0
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	888.0	147.0	0.0	5.0

2.3.1 Please estimate the percentage of RSPO-certified derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.3) 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 derivatives.

Description	Percentage
Certified Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	80.0
Certified Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	20.0

2.4 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.3, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:

99.24%

2.4.1 If your company has not reached 100% usage of sustainable palm oil through the four supply chain models (RSPO Credits, MB, SG or IP), do you have any plans to cover the gap using RSPO Credits?

No

2.4.2 Please explain why you do not intend to cover the gap using RSPO Credits

For own brand products a plan is in place to reach 100% SG by the end of the year. There will be roughly 0,4 % left for products which are produced for third parties.

2.5 Please estimate the regional distribution of your company's RSPO certified palm oil and palm oil-products usage (as declared in Question CG.2.3) in the following countries/regions:

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	87.0
North America	0.0
Malaysia	0.0
Indonesia	0.0
China	4.0
India	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Africa	7.0
Rest of World	2.0

3. TimeBound Plan

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

2014

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

2014

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

please note that only Schwartau has a certified supply chain (was CU-RSPO SCC-842446). Other entities who produce by themselves did not certify the SC, because their is no need for that. We do not communicate RSPO on pack. Other entities are supplied by third party producers with RSPO certified plam oil products.

3.3 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using 100% RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from any supply chain option in own-brand products.

2020

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

See also previous answers. It is only a very small volume (0,8%) and mainly palm derivatives, which are more difficult to change. 99,2% is already with certified palm oil. We rather strive to reach 100% RSPO certified from physical SC instead of B&C.

3.4 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using 100% 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.

2020

3.4.1 If the previous target year for CG.3.4 has not been met, please explain why.

see previous answer

3.5 If the TimeBound Plan commitments declared above do not cover all countries in which the member operates, please explain why

Off coarse we will try to obtain our set targets for all our own products in all countries where we are operating. However for some small products, especially the specific derivatives it is more difficult. These are used by Schwartau in Germany. The other small B&C volume is used by Semper in Sweden.

4. Trademark Use

4.1 Does your company use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark in own-brand products?

No

4.3 Please explain why your company does not plan to use the RSPO Trademark in own-brand products

- Challenging reputation of palm oil
- Confusion among end-consumers
- Costs of changing labels
- Difficulty of applying for RSPO Trademark
- Lack of customer demand
- Limited label space
- Low consumer awareness
- Low usage of palm oil
- Risk of supply disruption
- Others

Others

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)

We communicate the use of RSPO palm oil in our sustainability brochure (group and locally) _____

6. 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

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

Yes

6.1.1 Does the policy cover:

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

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

Yes

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

Yes

6.2.1 Does the policy cover:

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

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

Yes

Land Use

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

No

Occupational Health & Safety**6.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**6.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

Yes

6.5.1 Does the policy cover:

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

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

Yes

Complaints & Grievances**6.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?**

Yes

6.6.1 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**6.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

No

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

No

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

Within the Hero Group we do have other initiatives like our Bee Careful initiative, see also the Sustainability brochure 2018

7. Challenges

7.1 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

Used claims as "doesn't contain palm oil" due to the palm oil reputation in some markets to stay competitive

7.2 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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7.3 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.hero-group.ch/files/herosustainabilitybrochure2018pdf>