



# Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)



## ISACert supports your transformation towards sustainable products

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Meeting your customer's and the society's requirements for sustainable production and resources are of crucial importance for you as a company operating in the food industry. Purchasers of your products as well as opinion makers in the market require you to offer guarantees of your company's commitment to sustainability. Are you able to provide these guarantees and are they accepted worldwide? Does an independent third party confirm this? Do your customers require you to prove that with certification against the RSPO Chain of Custody standard? Do you want your company to be audited by a well-reputed certification body with experienced auditors knowing your business?



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### Your customized solution

ISACert offers the RSPO Chain of Custody certification for all companies claiming to be using RSPO certified sustainable palm oil or palm oil products. RSPO certification can be offered for both single site companies and multi-site companies.

During the application stage, we will advise you on the best solution meeting your requirements.

ISACert is specialized in certification of companies like yours. ISACert auditors are qualified to combine an audit for RSPO Chain of Custody with other standards like BRC, IFS and FSSC 22000.

Being in close contact with the standard owner the Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil, we keep you updated about the latest information and interpretations of the standard so you will be fully prepared when an audit takes place.

### Your result

- RSPO certification demonstrates your commitment to reduce the impact of your products on the environment (sustainable palm oil production).
- Your organization meets the expectations of major Retailers and other supply chain participants.
- Your organization can demonstrate to all stakeholders including consumers that your products contribute to a better environment with sustainable palm oil production practices.
- This certification can help you to gain access to new markets
- You will have an in-depth assessment of the traceability of your produce by an RSPO competent ISACert auditor.
- Your business will appear on the RSPO databases, giving you further recognition and creating more

customer confidence.

### **Important to know**

The RSPO certification is driven by members of RSPO, and participants in its activities coming from many different backgrounds, including plantation companies, processors and traders, consumer goods manufacturers and retailers of palm oil products, financial institutions, environmental NGOs and social NGOs, from many countries that produce or use palm oil.

The palm oil supply chain, from the tropics to its use as an ingredient in Retail products all over the world, is complex. To ensure the credibility of the sustainability claim at the end of the supply chain, all organizations that take legal ownership and physically handle RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products need to be supply chain certified. The RSPO chain of custody certification ensures the integrity of the sustainable palm oil, i.e. that palm oil sold as sustainable palm oil has indeed been produced by certified plantations.

Within RSPO certification there are four supply chain models applicable:

**IDENTITY PRESERVED** - Sustainable palm oil from a single identifiable certified source is kept separately from ordinary palm oil throughout supply chain.

**SEGREGATED** - Sustainable palm oil from different certified sources is kept separate from ordinary palm oil throughout supply chain.

**MASS BALANCE** - Sustainable palm oil from certified sources is mixed with ordinary palm oil throughout supply chain.

**BOOK & CLAIM** - The chain is not monitored for the presence of sustainable palm oil. Manufacturers and retailers can buy RSPO certificates from a RSPO-certified grower.

To take part in RSPO certification, your organization has to become a member of RSPO. You can apply for membership on line at the RSPO website. Printable introductory guides outlining the RSPO Chain of Custody Standard and its benefits for different types of organizations can be down loaded from the website of RSPO

Please contact ISACert for the latest information.

The RSPO audit and certification is under the accreditation of ISACert BV from Zwolle in The Netherlands.

### **In what situation?**

The RSPO certification is applicable for supply chain actors who:

- Take ownership of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil products
- Physically handle (e.g. by storage, processing, packing etc) the of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil products
- Make use of RSPO claims (business to business or business to consumer)

Certification according to the RSPO Chain of Custody standard may be combined with another certification, such as an IFS, BRC or FSSC22000 standard. ISACert can offer you such a combination.

Interested ? • Mail to [info@isacert.com](mailto:info@isacert.com) for request for information

## About ISACert

ISACert is a leading auditing, verification and certification body for the food and food related supply chains. ISACert delivers reputable audit and certification services globally. We perform detailed and challenging audits on a level that meets the expectations of all stakeholders. We feel it to be our obligation not only to assess our auditees against the standards concerned, but also to drive them in further improvement of their food safety performance in general.

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