BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Today, palm oil has become the first oil crop in the world with 50 million tons produced just in 2013. Palm oil, used both for food and non-food industries, has a main role in the economic development of palm oil producing countries and in the nourishment of millions of people.

However, after a sharp increase of palm oil plantation surface area from the 1990s to the present day as well as pressures on the environment and on local populations, a global reaction from the palm oil production chain and stakeholders was required. Using RSPO certified Palm Oil commits your company to sustainability while maintaining a sufficient supply of palm oil without damaging the living conditions of indigenous communities and the biodiversity of adjacent ecosystems.

SOLUTION

What is the RSPO?

Founded in 2004, the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil is a not-for-profit association with the objective to promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil. Seven sectors of the palm oil industry take part in the decision process including producers, processors or traders, manufacturers, retailers, banks and investors, environmental conservation NGOs and social or developmental NGOs.

RSPO Supply Chain Certification Systems: An Explanation

RSPO Supply Chain Certification Systems is a standard to certify conformity of supply chains using RSPO certified sustainable palm oil or products derived thereof. The objective is to involve the entire supply chain, by reaching out to the consumer. Several traceability models are available: Identity Preserved (IP), Segregated (SG), or Mass Balanced (MB). It addresses millers, refiners, processors, manufacturers, traders, retailers and others stakeholders from the supply chain.

What are the key benefits?

- Addresses client needs and meets their expectations regarding commitment to sustainable palm oil products.
- Complies with expectations of major distributors and retailers to prove sustainability of products.
- Demonstrates the quality of your commitment to follow environmental practices and sustainable business.
- Uses your sustainable palm oil certificate for multiple industries such as food processing, chemistry, biofuel, etc.
WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION?

**Combined audits** - Accredited for RSPO Supply Chain Certification, Bureau Veritas Certification can propose combined audits with the RSPO audit in order to satisfy all of your markets in one single audit.

**Expertise in Sustainability and Supply Chain Certification** - Bureau Veritas Certification is a leading global certification body for the following industries: food safety, sustainable agriculture and forestry, biomass and biofuels.

**Network** - A global presence in more than 100 countries means both international expertise and in-depth knowledge of local standards. We can also provide certification for each step of your supply chain.

**A recognized certificate** - After compliance to the selected scheme is completed, you will be awarded a certificate from Bureau Veritas Certification, which is a symbol of your company’s commitment to sustainable activities recognized throughout the world.

OUR APPROACH

1- Completion of application form and selection of your supply chain model(s)
2- Signing of certification contract
3- On-site audit by qualified auditor
4- Issuing of certificate, if no items are flagged and registration of certificate on the RSPO website
5- One surveillance audit per year

The certificate lifetime is 5 years with annual surveillance audit.

Under multi site certification, you will be able to include several sites in the scope with sampling for auditing.

FAQ

**How can I use the RSPO logo to promote my business?**

As a certified company, you will be able to promote your commitment by using the RSPO logo. Depending on your situation, two possible claims exist through a license to get from RSPO:

- “This product contains certified sustainable palm oil. [www.rspo.info](http://www.rspo.info)”
  - used by both ‘Identity preserved’ and ‘Segregation’ systems
- “Contributes to the production of certified sustainable palm. [www.rspo.info](http://www.rspo.info)”
  - used by both ‘Mass balance’ and ‘Book and claim’ systems

This logo can be used on products and packaging.

The RSPO certification is meaningful for your client and final consumer. Its communication will be a milestone of your sustainable development policy.

**What about Green Palm Book & Claim audits?**

As accredited Certification Body, Bureau Veritas Certification offers Green Palm annual verification audit for supply chain operators.

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