



BM TRADA Responsibly Sourced Soy Supply chain certification

Soy has been a major ingredient in the food supply chain for centuries and as the population increases so does the demand for soy.

This increase in the production of soy and expansion of land used to farm soybean can have a negative impact in terms of forest conversion, increased pesticide use and labour rights. It is therefore increasingly important to ensure that the soy we consume today has been produced in a legal and responsible manner which suits the requirements of manufacturers, retailers and consumers.

BM TRADA Responsibly Sourced Soy certification can provide this assurance for all parts of the post-farm supply chain.

Based upon the Basel Criteria for Responsible Soy Production, the BM TRADA Responsibly Sourced Soy scheme allows the soy or soy derivative to be traced back through the supply chain to farms certified to internationally approved standards for the responsible production of soy beans.

Who needs certification?

Chain of custody certification is applicable to all companies in the supply chain that own and handle the product. It provides evidence that the product originates from well-managed, certified sources and verifies that they are not mixed with products from uncertified sources at any point in the supply chain, except under strict management controls.

What are the benefits?

- demonstrate commitment to good agricultural practices and responsible sourcing
- meet customer requirements for responsible sourcing and help maintain markets for your products
- allow flexibility to purchase soy from several potential certified sources

- ensure the absence of genetically modified soy in human food ingredients (where required).

BM TRADA Responsibly Sourced Soy provides credible evidence that your supply chain is secure and traceable and ensures the sustainability of your products.

Supply chain models

There are two supply chain models that can be used to comply with the BM TRADA scheme:

- **Identity preserved** – soy is traceable to an individual farm
- **Segregation** – soy comes from different certified sources.

Either model can be used to provide assurance that only soy from responsible sources is contained within your products.

How to achieve certification

01 Application and review

Complete the BM TRADA request for quotation form. The information provided will allow us to provide you with a quotation and a competent audit team.

02 Main evaluation (This is completed in two stages)

On site:

- review the supply chain management system
- review the procedures and processes covering all activities related to the supply chain system
- verify the company's training plan and competence of all staff involved in the supply chain process
- confirm that the selected supply chain model has been implemented correctly

- evaluate whether critical control points (CCPs) have been identified and the risk of product mixing eliminated or minimised
- review the record keeping processes
- evaluate all outsourced processes if appropriate.

Off site:

- provide a written report on the audit findings and non-conformances that need to be addressed
- review the written report (reviewed by BM TRADA head office).

03 Certification

On completion of step two (and closure of any identified non-conformities) certification is granted by BM TRADA. You will be issued with a certificate and certification marks to demonstrate and promote your certification.

Certification is valid for five years and is maintained through a programme of annual surveillance audits and a recertification audit in the fifth year before the certificate expires.

Additional services include:

- UTZ certified cocoa & coffee
- Supply chain – palm oil
- BRC global standard food safety
- BRC global standard packaging
- Food safety – ISO 22000 & HACCP
- Quality – ISO 9001
- Environmental – ISO 14001
- Energy – ISO 50001
- Health & safety – OHSAS 18001
- Integrated – ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001
- Information security – ISO 27001
- Chain of custody
- BM TRADA Q-Mark

Call us for a quote or to discuss your certification needs

Why BM TRADA?

Choosing BM TRADA means you are working with a major international certification body with a leading reputation in responsible sourcing and sustainable supply chain certification. Our industry expertise and the standard of our services have helped us deliver certificates to businesses in 70 countries around the world.

We pride ourselves on being approachable and responsive, and on offering clear, transparent pricing with no hidden costs. Making us your certification partner means you will have a designated auditor who understands your business.



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