



## RSPO Sustainable Palm Oil Supply chain certification

**Palm oil production has increased rapidly in recent years, along with concern over the sustainability of its cultivation and the impacts on local populations and ecosystems. As the need to prove sustainability becomes more important, manufacturers and retailers want to ensure that the claims they make on their products will stand up to scrutiny. RSPO supply chain certification offers this assurance.**

The RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) was established in 2004 to provide a model for responsible palm oil production and supply. BM TRADA was the first certification body approved by the RSPO to offer certification to this scheme, and has a wealth of experience and understanding of the issues surrounding supply chain traceability.

Certification ensures that your supply chain is secure and traceable and provides credible evidence of your product's sustainability.

### What are the benefits?

RSPO certification will bring significant benefits to your organisation, it will:

- demonstrate your commitment to environmental practices
- meet the expectations of major manufacturers and retailers, many of whom have time-bound commitments to the use of sustainable palm oil in their products
- help your customers choose products that contribute to environmental conservation
- help your business gain access to new markets.

This certification is applicable to all food and non-food products that use palm oil and palm oil derivatives. 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.

### Supply chain models

There are three supply chain models that can be used within the RSPO system:

- **Identity preserved** – physical isolation from all other palm oil sources
- **Segregation** – physical isolation from non-certified palm oil sources (allows mixing with other certified palm oil)
- **Mass balance** – allows mixing of certified and non-certified palm oil in a controlled environment, ensuring that the volume of certified palm outputs never exceed the certified inputs.

# How to achieve certification

If you own, handle and wish to make RSPO claims about your product you need to be certified. Before starting the certification process your organisation will need to be registered with RSPO.

## 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
- verify the company's use of the RSPO trademark for on-product labelling and the corporate logo of off-product market communications and claims
- 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 (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 – soy
- 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

### Related training services:

- Introduction to RSPO
- RSPO lead auditor (RSPO endorsed)
- RSPO internal auditing

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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