

Important information

Certification according to RSPO Supply Chain Standard



Background

In recent years, palm oil has become the most important vegetable oil on earth. Almost every second product in the supermarket contains this raw material. On the other hand, palm oil, like no other vegetable product, is repeatedly criticised.

In order to meet the high global demand, tropical rainforest areas are being cleared, especially in Indonesia and Malaysia - with considerable consequences for the region. Against this background, the Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) was founded by the WWF in 2004 to establish and promote minimum ecological, economic and social standards for the cultivation of oil palms. In view of the rising demand for palm (kernel) oil and the associated ecological and social aspects, this concern is becoming increasingly important.

Based on these minimum criteria, there is the possibility of certification of sustainable palm oil. Starting with the certification of the palm oil plantation according to RSPO P&C (Principle & Criteria), the certification according to RSPO SCC (Supply Chain Certification) is continued for each further participant in the supply chain. As an independent certification body, GUTcert offers an audit according to the RSPO SCC criteria.

Supply chain models

Three supply chain models exist within the framework of RSPO supply chain certification:

Identity Preserved (IP) ("Identity Assurance")	Segregated (SG) ("Segregated")	Mass Balance (MB) ("Mass Balance")
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSPO palm oil used can be traced back to the individual, concrete plantation. Accordingly, it must not be mixed with other palm oil. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The palm oil used can come from different certified plantations Blending with other certified palm oil is allowed, but certified palm oil must remain physically separated from non-certified palm oil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified and non-certified palm oil may be mixed The processed quantity of RSPO-certified palm oil must correspond to the purchased quantity of certified palm oil.



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Certification services of GUTcert

GUTcert has been accredited as a certification body for RSPO SCC by the accreditation body "Accreditation Service International" (ASI) since 2014.

Our clients benefit from a tailor-made approach to efficient and results-oriented certification. We know from practical experience that close communication and a clearly structured process are essential for successful certification. Any deviations from the audit standard are thus immediately recognised and can be rectified. We carry out all steps transparently and efficiently for the company and document them in an audit report.

- ▶ We offer a professionally competent and comprehensible audit certified by the ASI and the RSPO.
- ▶ Through our experienced and highly qualified auditors, our clients are supported in developing more efficient practices in the area of RSPO supply chain certification.
- ▶ Even beyond the audit, our goal is to identify potential for improvement in other company-relevant areas
- ▶ Our team of experts is always on hand to help you with questions and problems and to support you in preparing and carrying out the audit

In addition to being a certification body for RSPO supply chain certification, GUTcert is also accredited for numerous other certification procedures. Our auditors are qualified to audit simultaneously according to several verification standards.

If desired, we can carry out combined tests at low cost, e.g. according to

HACCP, ISO 9001, ISO 50001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 27001, EMAS, REDcert², ISCC PLUS

Your benefits

Due to the increasing sensitivity of consumers regarding the sustainability of products, your company benefits in **communication**: with an RSPO supply chain certification for sustainable palm oil, you are committed to ensuring that more is done for nature conservation and human rights on the plantations than is legally required.

Multiple audits are highly efficient and integrated management systems are examined from several angles. The interplay of the different factors identifies **hidden potential for improvement**, which will move your company forward.

Expenditure

We calculate the cost of certification individually depending on the type of location and the size of the company. To provide us with the necessary data, simply fill out our [online form](#). It contains a clear overview of all costs incurred for certification, including travel expenses if desired. There is no "small print" with us - there are no additional fees.



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