

## Group Deforestation Policy

### Sourcing with Integrity

At Cranswick we believe it is our duty to have a positive impact on the world and our responsibility to use resources with respect and support communities with care whilst sustainably growing our business. Cranswick are committed to making conscious and ethical decisions about where we source from, informed by the impact that each decision has on the environment, communities, and individuals.

### Scope

Within the scope of this policy Cranswick recognises the common definitions of the Accountability Framework, which can be found [here](#).

This policy applies to all Cranswick sites including all direct and embedded forest risk commodities supplied into Cranswick . This includes third-party and independent producers.

The commodities covered by the policy are:

- Pulp and paper for packaging materials.
- Cattle products
- Soya
- Palm oil

### Governance

Established in 2022, our ESG Committee, led by our Chairman drives our Second Nature strategy, including addressing deforestation practices within our own operations and direct and third party suppliers. Our sustainability governance structure is detailed within our annual report which is available on the Cranswick PLC ([www.cranswick.plc.uk](http://www.cranswick.plc.uk))

The responsibility for reviewing and managing this policy resides with the Head of Sustainability Strategy & ESG.

### Commitments

- Committed to using deforestation and conversion free commodities for all our operations, as soon as possible and no later than the end of 2030, with a cut-off date of 2020.
- Committed to ensuring deforestation and conversion free soya (with a cut-off date of January 2020 at the latest) of any animal feed and embedded soya within our ingredients as soon as possible, but no later than 2025.
- Commitment to apply deforestation due diligence to all company operations and direct and indirect suppliers by 2030.
- Commitment to apply deforestation due diligence to tier 1 suppliers by 2030.
- To complete the CDP Questionnaire on Forestry and to target an A grade by 2030.

### Commitment Delivery

To fulfil the Cranswick Group Deforestation Commitment, we:

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- Ensure that 100% of our beef from Brazil is sourced from areas with no risk of deforestation.
- Continue to source palm oil, through our manufacturing supply chain, from sustainable and certified RSPO sources.
- Where paper packaging is sourced, that this is from suppliers under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) or the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Standard.
- For soya:
  - We are actively moving towards certified sources of soya within our animal feed and exploring alternative protein sources for the future.
  - Trialling lower soya diets for pigs and poultry without compromising their well-being.
  - Continuously researching and developing alternative protein sources to replace soya.
- Making our supply chain aware of the impact of their activities on deforestation in specific areas around the world.
  - In Q1 2023/24 we issued our Supplier Human Rights and Sustainability Policy to our tier one manufacturers and will be issuing this to our tier 1 agricultural suppliers.
- Actively engaging with stakeholders to address deforestation concerns and promote sustainable practices.
- Engage with stakeholders and adhere to the Group Human Rights Policy.

### Signatories

Since joining the UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya in July 2018, we have been actively progressing towards obtaining certified soya from collaborative efforts with retail, processing, and production partners.

As a signatory of the UK Soy Manifesto, we are committed to ensuring deforestation and conversion free soya (with a cut-off date of January 2020 at the latest) of any animal feed and embedded soya within our ingredients as soon as possible, but no later than 2025. This applies to all our products, and we will encourage our suppliers to make similar commitments.

### Monitoring & Reporting

Regular monitoring is conducted through Agricultural committee meetings ensuring continual progress on feed trials. For any supply deviations corrective actions are swiftly implemented, with senior management oversight, non-compliance may lead to supplier delisting. Each year we provide updates on progress, including responsible sourcing, on our Annual Report and Accounts. This is accessible on the Cranswick plc [website](#). We also provide data at a company level to several organisations including 3keel.

### Progress report January 2024:

Within the calendar year 2024 34% of direct purchased soy was vDCF as defined by the 3keel reporting methodology, 45% of direct purchased soy was certified to Full Mass Balance, all remaining soy including embedded soy, was certified to Area Mass Balance. We continue to work with industry to deliver on our pledge to vDCF soy by 2026.

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