

## WAITROSE & PARTNERS COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE SOYA

### **Target**

Waitrose & Partners will source 100% of the soya used in animal feed for the production of own-brand meat and farmed fish products, milk, and eggs through organic or certified sustainable sources by the end of 2020.

### **Scope**

Scope includes:

- Soya used as animal feed in the primary production of meat, poultry, farmed fish, shell eggs and liquid milk and cream
- Soya used as animal feed in the production of meat, poultry, farmed fish, eggs, and dairy used as an ingredient in processed food

Scope excludes:

- Soya used for animal by-products e.g. gelatine
- Soya used for meat or fish-based stocks

### **Standards**

All soya for non-organic products must be certified according to one of the following standards:

- The Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS)
- ProTerra
- Danube Soya (Donau Soja) or European Soya
- ISCC PLUS (ISCC 202) with voluntary add-ons 202-01 (environmental management & biodiversity) and 202-02 (classified chemicals)
- Cargill 'Triple S'
- Cefetra 'Certified Responsible Soya'

We specify these standards based on their ability to deliver on the following Waitrose & Partners policy goals and to deliver against Waitrose & Partners commitments under the Retailer Soya Group sourcing guidelines, the Consumer Goods Forum sourcing guidelines, and the UK Roundtable for Sustainable Soya membership requirements:

1. Support for relevant legal requirements in the country of origin, for example, the Brazilian Forest Code, and support for public/private initiatives that aim to drive continuous improvement in soya production standards, including the Amazon Soya Moratorium and the Cerrado Manifesto.

2. Soya that is produced in a manner which:

- Is deforestation-free, i.e. that in areas at high risk of deforestation, production is prohibited on land with native forests, native vegetation and high conservation value landscapes, with a conversion cut-off date not later than 2009.
- Is aligned with good agricultural practices, including responsible soil management and responsible chemical management.
- Respects human rights, including the prohibition of forced/child labour, and respect of land rights.

3. The requirement for independent 3rd party verification of sustainability standards

### **Supply chain**

We require suppliers to source physically certified soya (i.e. from segregated or mass balance supply chains) wherever practicable. Where physical supply is not yet viable, we use soya credits.

### **Landscape-based approaches**

We recognise that certification is one very important approach to sourcing sustainable soya, and that an industry-wide shift to sustainable soya production will likely require additional routes to change. As such, suppliers are also encouraged to explore sourcing from jurisdictional or landscape-based approaches provided that they offer independent verification of legal compliance and deforestation-free production by approved third-party audit providers.

### **Organic soya**

All soya for certified organic products must be procured according to organic regulations, and sourcing organic soya from within Europe is strongly encouraged. In addition, all organic soya is sourced from countries assessed as 'low risk' for deforestation.