

Ginsters

1. How much palm oil do you use in your products? **Approx. 3,250 tonnes per annum in Ginsters Savoury Pastry range. The margarines that we use in our pastry contain palm oil.**
2. How much of that volume is from a sustainable source? **Due to limitations in segregation in the supply chain, it is difficult to quantify the exact proportion from a sustainable source. However, we are a member of the Green Palm scheme to encourage and reward sustainable production, and we are working with our margarine supplier with the aim of moving to 100% sustainable palm within 12 months.**
3. Who do you source your palm oil from? **Our Palm Oil is purchased by our margarine supplier, AAK.**
4. Do you source your palm oil via a middle trader or directly from Palm Oil companies? If you source it through a middle trader, do you know which palm oil companies supply them? **AAK buy the bulk of their oil direct from selected producers in South and Central America and Papua New Guinea.**
5. *To avoid any confusion, question 5 has not been reproduced here because it contained references to some specific organisations not referenced in Panorama: Dying for a Biscuit..*
6. What are your plans with regard to the use of sustainable palm oil?
 - a. Have you set a deadline for when your products will contain only sustainable palm oil? **Yes. We intend to move to sustainable palm oil within 12 months. Discussions are already taking place between the producers of our margarines with this in mind. In the meantime, we will continue to support the Green Palm initiative.**
 - b. Have you bought any green palm certificates? If so, when did you buy them and how many? **Yes. We purchased 3,250 certificates in October 2009. By supporting this scheme we hope to limit the damage caused to the environment and wildlife by rewarding those that produce responsibly.**
 - c. Are you a member of the RSPO? **Yes.**
 - d. When was the last time you updated the RSPO about your actions? **We are a relatively small user within RSPO, but we understand that they fully endorse our initiatives.**
7. Do your products that contain palm oil state that on the label? If not, why not? **Not currently. To date, we have had very few consumer inquiries on this matter.**
8. Which of your products contain palm oil or palm kernel oil? **Ginsters savoury pastries range. We are currently working on recipes that would reduce the amount of Palm Oil used in our products.**
9. We understand that the following products contain palm oil or palm kernel oil. If this is not the case please can you clearly state NO next to the product listed. **Ginsters savoury pastries range.**