

Northern Foods

1. How much palm oil do you use in your products? **Northern Foods purchase circa 19,000 tonnes of vegetable oils & fats containing palm oils.**
2. How much of that volume is from a sustainable source? **From January 2010 c. 60% of the palm oil content will be procured from sustainable sources.**
3. Who do you source your palm oil from? **We do not source palm oil. All vegetable oils & fats containing palm oil are purchased from AarhusKarlshamn UK Ltd, known as AAK-UK, a founder member of the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).**
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? **Northern Foods purchase all palm containing materials from AAK-UK; the refinery is in the UK. In 2010 all our requirements for bulk refined palm oil will be purchased as RSPO Segregated Sustainable Palm Oil.**
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? **Our plans have been and remain to procure from traceable, sustainable sources as audited, approved materials are available on the market. As advised in question 2, Northern Foods will purchase c. 60% of palm oil requirements as Segregated Sustainable oil from January 2010.**
 - a. Have you set a deadline for when your products will contain only sustainable palm oil? **Yes. By Jan 2010 all bulk palm oils will be procured as Segregated Sustainable Palm Oil. By Jan 2012 all palm based oils & fats will be procured either as Segregated Sustainable Palm or via GreenPalm certification which directly supports the production of sustainable palm oil and encourages more producers to produce sustainably.**
 - b. Have you bought any green palm certificates? If so, when did you buy them and how many? **Not to date, as we have been working towards procuring Segregated Sustainable Palm Oil.**
 - c. Are you a member of the RSPO? **Yes, we have been members for more than six years.**
 - d. When was the last time you updated the RSPO about your actions? **Annual report sent mid-June 09**
7. Do your products that contain palm oil state that on the label? **No** If not, why not? **Vegetable oils and fats are blended to the right flavour and performance characteristics from a variety of edible sources including palm, soya, rape (known to some as canola), sunflower, peanut, cotton, palm kernel, coconut and olive. Palm oil is classified as vegetable oil and we use that naming convention in**

line with the Food Labelling Regulations. Our labelling policy is in accordance with and referenced to the Food Standards Agency guidance, including Ingredients and Allergen Labelling Guidance 2009.

8. Which of your products contain palm oil or palm kernel oil? **Biscuits, pizzas and pies**

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.

Goodfella's pizza

Used in 2 areas;

- 1. in the process - Goodfella's Deeply Delicious, Solos, Mini 5'' <0.01% used as a release agent for the pizza base (ie to get the pizza out of the tin!)**
- 2. in the recipe – Goodfella's Poccos, 1.74% fully sustainable palm oil in the recipe**