

1. How much palm oil do you use in your products?

Premier Foods uses 30,000mt of blended Palm Oil/Vegetable Oils per annum across our entire product portfolio.

2. How much of that volume is from a sustainable source?

From January 2010, Premier Foods began sourcing all our Palm Oil requirements via the Greenpalm Certification programme. Our plan is to source 100% identity preserved 'blended' (fractionated) Palm Oil from 2012 onwards, as we believe that is when it will realistically become available.

3. Who do you source your palm oil from?

AarhusKarlshamn AB (AAK). AAK was one of the founders of the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), which was established in 2002 in response to an initiative by WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature.)

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?

We source directly from AAK.

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?

In November 2009, Premier Foods issued a press release outlining our intention to bring forward our target to cover 100% of our Palm Oil usage through the GreenPalm certification programme by two years. We had previously set a target to source 100% certified sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) by the end of 2011. But it said the date now is before January 2010.

Will Carter, MD grocery division at Premier Foods commented at the time, "We are delighted to be able to announce our participation in the GreenPalm programme as a stepping stone to sourcing 100% CSPO blended product as this becomes available on the UK market.

Adam Harrison (UK Senior Policy Manager), WWF spokesman, said at the time, "We hope that this will spur other manufacturers to join the growing group of progressive companies who are supporting RSPO certified sustainable palm oil".

a. Have you set a deadline for when your products will contain only sustainable palm oil?

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preserved 'blended' (fractionated) Palm Oil from 2012 onwards, as we believe that is when it will realistically become available.

b. Have you bought any green palm certificates? If so, when did you buy them and how many?

Yes, from January 2010. We have bought sufficient Greenpalm certificates to cover our total annual usage for 2010 and we contracted for our projected usage in 2011.

c. Are you a member of the RSPO?

Yes

d. When was the last time you updated the RSPO about your actions?

Premier Foods updated our submission to the RSPO in September 2009. Our next submission will be in September 2010.

7. Do your products that contain palm oil state that on the label? If not, why not?

No because we do not use 100% Palm oil, we use blended oils or derivatives. We therefore label these blended oils as 'vegetable oil' on pack. We could make an on pack claim such as 'helping to promote sustainable Palm Oil production' in line with the Greenpalm Certification scheme guidance, however we have decided not to make any claims at this stage.

8. Which of your products contain palm oil or palm kernel oil?

Hovis
Mr Kipling Cakes
Bisto Gravy
Cadbury Cakes

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.

Hovis
Mr Kipling Cakes
Bisto Gravy
Cadbury Cakes