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DEFORESTATION POLICY		

PURPOSE

In order to comply with Iceland’s requirements, all suppliers of own label products must ensure that all products meet the requirements outlined in this policy.

SCOPE

All Iceland Own Label Products

DEFINITIONS

Deforestation - forest areas cleared or converted for other purposes; this is separate from the sustainable management of forests as ecosystems.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Deforestation

Iceland aims for its own brand products and packaging to not contribute to global deforestation and to exclude deforestation from our own supply chains.

We have called for the UK government to mandate food companies to ensure all food sold in the UK is deforestation-free.

Iceland supports the Cerrado Manifesto as signatory of the Statement of Support (SoS) for the multi-stakeholder call to action to halt deforestation and native vegetation loss in Brazil’s Cerrado

Palm Oil

See our specific Iceland Palm Policy 16D for detail

Soy

Iceland is a signatory to The UK Soy Manifesto. This Manifesto is a collective industry commitment to work together to ensure all physical shipments of soy to the UK are deforestation and conversion free*, (*encompassing both legal and illegal deforestation/conversion**), (cut-off date of January 2020 at the latest) fully implemented immediately where possible, and no later than 2025.

Signatories commit to work together to achieve this goal and request that their suppliers adopt the same commitments and incorporate these requirements within commercial contractual requirements. All signatories commit to publicly disclosing on their progress annually.

- 1. Iceland commits that **all soy embedded in Iceland products** should be deforestation and conversion (of other natural ecosystems) free*, (*encompassing both legal and illegal deforestation/conversion**), (cut-off date of January 2020 at the latest), by the end of 2025.

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2. Iceland will report on its progress annually.

3. Iceland requires that its suppliers should adopt and cascade this same commitment to no deforestation/conversion soy (*encompassing both legal and illegal deforestation/conversion*), with a cut-off date (of no later than January 2020) for **all soy embedded in Iceland products**. Iceland requires its suppliers to have shared and agreed a transition plan with a target date for full implementation no later than 2025 for **all soy embedded in Iceland products**.

4. Iceland supports its direct suppliers to adopt and apply Manifesto commitments within their broader sourcing policies, to soy supplied to other markets.

*Conversion-free (commodity production, sourcing, or financial investments that do not cause or contribute to the conversion of natural ecosystems).

- No-conversion refers to no gross conversion of natural ecosystems.

Wood

Iceland aims to ensure the wood used in its products and packaging doesn't contribute to deforestation and that the wood used in our products and packaging originates from responsibly managed forests.

Wood is an important material used for purposes including consumer products and packaging. Wood supply chains are complex often multi country and multi-tier. Iceland as a very small part of this global commodity system has limited ability to drive transparency in multi-tier supply chains.

We will map the certified sustainable timber footprint for Iceland products and packaging on a periodic basis.

Iceland has committed that all of our Own Brand packaging will be either FSC/PEFC certified or from a recycled source by 2023. (Iceland Packaging Policy no 26).

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Policy Issue	A	Oct 2020	N Spreadbury	New Policy
Policy Review & update	B	Apr 2022	N Spreadbury	Addition of Soy Manifesto commitments.
Policy Review & update	C	Apr 2023	N Spreadbury	Addition of additional Soy Manifesto feedback comments.

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