The Co-operative Group

Constituency: Industry, Trade & Finance

Date:

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Please state what the main activities of your organization are, both overall and those specifically linked to soy production:

➔ Food retail

Please state in which regions the organization operates

➔ UK

Is the person reporting for the entire organization or a specific region? (please, state which one)

➔ Entire Organisation

What is the organization’s policy on soy please provide link if available

➔ Coming in early April 2019 – please check www.blog.coop.co.uk

Current stance - https://food.coop.co.uk/food-ethics/environmental-impacts/shared-futures/

Operations related to soy

What is your organization’s annual soy footprint?
Please state direct use and indirect, in tonnes

➔ 80,000 tonnes direct and indirect

Do you have a system for calculating your (direct and indirect) production, purchase, trade or use of soybeans or derivatives?

➔ Yes.

This year we completed two different foot printing exercises.

The first was desk based and around sales and ingredients. The second was a survey completed with the other UK retailers of key protein suppliers which queried directly their use

What is the total volume of your (direct) soy use (beans, meal, oil, hulls, lecithin, derivatives). Please specify per category and specify the scope, where relevant (national/international, own brands/all brands, etc)

➔ ~800 tonnes

What is the total volume of your (indirect or embedded) soy use (beans, meal, oil, hulls, derivatives, e.g. in feed for animal products)
Please specify per category
MEMBER ANNUAL PUBLIC REPORT
2018

79,000 tonnes

Other relevant information on this topic

We worked through 3Keel with a coalition of retailers to gain more accurate footprint of soy.

Operations related to RTRS Soy

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Did you purchase this yourself directly or did your supplier do this? If your supplier did so, how did you specify and verify this?

We have purchased this directly through ACT Commodities. The contract has been signed at the end of March 2019 so the purchase will be made and transferred in April 2019.

What type of products do you use RTRS soy for?
(Specify supply chain options), direct and indirect.

We are covering 100% of our soy footprint with RTRS soy credits

Did your organization make any public claims related to the production, trade and purchase of RTRS soy?
Please provide link.

Yes – coming in April www.blog.coop.co.uk & www.coop.co.uk

Time bound plan for Responsible Soy

What date did your organization start, or does it plan to start using or supporting RTRS soy via purchases? (including all supply chain options)

We have been purchasing small amounts of RTRS soy since 2016.

Does your organization expect to use 100% RTRS soy?
If so, by when?

We are covering 100% of our footprint with RTRS soy credits from 2018. We plan to do the same in 2019 & 2020. In 2020 we will review our commitment based on responsible soy availability within the market

What milestones has your organization defined for its responsible soy use?
Please state annual targets/strategies, including its 2018 target if applicable

1. Co-op will cover all use of soy with RTRS credits for footprints of 2018, 2019 & 2020. This will be reviewed in 2020 in line with the plans below.
2. We will develop our policy on direct use of soy in products in 2019 to be published in 2020.
3. Fresh protein, eggs & dairy suppliers cover use of soy through credits or physically sustainable soy* by January 2021
4. Chicken, Pork & Egg suppliers to have at least 25% of their soy through zero deforestation Mass Balance soy by

1 Where ‘soy’ is mentioned this refers to all products (beans, oil, meal, hulls, lecithin, derivatives, etc.) and both direct and indirect use.
January 2021

5. In partnership with our fresh protein suppliers we will publish our action plans for each species in 2020 mapping the journey to zero deforestation soy to 2025, including interim targets

6. All fresh protein suppliers to have 100% physical zero deforestation & sustainably sourced soy by end of 2025

7. In partnership with our wider supply base (i.e. who use protein, dairy, eggs & soy as an ingredient) we develop our action plans in 2020.

8. We will publically report on our progress every year, including annual data collection with suppliers

**Co-op approved soy standards**

**NOTE – these will be reviewed Annually In Line with Industry Benchmarking**

i. RTRS Credits or Mass Balance *Co-op preferred standard

ii. ISCC Plus

iii. Proterra

iv. ADM Responsible Soy Bean standard

v. Cargill Triple S Standard

vi. CEFETRA Certified Responsible Soy

vii. Danube soy

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Please quantify your commitment or estimated purchase/use of Certified Responsible Soy in the table below

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➤ A number of our suppliers are also using sustainable soy.

**Membership & Promotion**

How did your organization provide information about its RTRS membership to internal and/or external audiences?

➤ Yes – coming in April [www.blog.coop.co.uk](http://www.blog.coop.co.uk) & [www.coop.co.uk](http://www.coop.co.uk)

How did your organization support or promote RTRS?

E.g. what internal and external activities were organized?

➤ Engagement internally with colleagues and suppliers on sustainable soy.

Did the organization proactively encourage other companies (supplier, customer, and colleague) to support or become members of the RTRS?

If so, please specify.

➤ See soy roadmap above
Other relevant information on this topic

Other support activities

Did your organization provide support towards RTRS certification for producers, such as training, in producing countries? If so, please specify.

→ no

Did your organization raise/contribute funds in order to support capacity building and other activities? If so, please specify which organization were supported, the nature of the activities and the amount of funds that were contributed

→ no

Did your organization participate in RTRS working groups or courses? If so, please specify.

→ UK Round Table on Soy & Retailers Soy Group

Other relevant information on this topic

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Other comments

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