

# Forest Risk Commodities Policy

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Own Brand, Sourcing & Sustainability

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## **1. Goal**

At Ocado Retail, we recognise the vital role that forests play for biodiversity, food security, climate regulation and livelihoods. We are therefore committed to eliminating deforestation and conversion from our supply chain and supporting more sustainable and responsible sourcing of commodities that put these ecosystems at risk.

## **2. Scope**

The commodities that are in scope of this policy are: soy, palm oil, beef, timber, coffee and cocoa as the farming of these products carry the most risk of causing deforestation and conversion around the world.

This policy only applies to the Ocado Own Brand products and supply chains.

This policy will be continually reviewed and updated to incorporate any change in industry practice or any knowledge coming to light within our supply chain.

## **3. Governance**

Ocado Retail are prioritising action on the forest risk commodities that are most closely linked to deforestation and conversion around the world. We are understanding the risk of deforestation and conversion through the sourcing of these commodities within our Own Brand supply chain and taking steps to mitigate this. Natural rubber is also a recognised high risk forest commodity however this is not something that is currently being sourced in the Ocado Own Brand supply chain. The scope of this policy will be reviewed and updated annually in line with new product development and changing regulatory requirements.

The Sustainability Manager for Nature & Animal Welfare is responsible for managing the policy implementation and works closely with the Product Development team and Technical Managers to ensure that all requirements are being met.

There is also a Soy Working Group which is responsible for the requirements of soy sourcing. The dedicated Soy Sourcing Policy contains more detail on our approach to the soy within our supply chain.

## **4. Our Approach**

### **4.1 Cocoa**

All cocoa used as an ingredient in the current range of Ocado Own Brand products is Rainforest Alliance certified.

### **4.2 Coffee**

All coffee sourced for Ocado Own Brand products is Rainforest Alliance certified.

### **4.3 Palm Oil**

Palm oil is a versatile and widely used ingredient found in many food and non-food products. The expansion of palm oil plantations across tropical regions has been associated with deforestation, conversion and habitat loss. Palm oil, palm kernel oil (PKO) and their derivatives and fractions are all in scope of this policy. Processing aids and other substances not identified on pack including anything used in animal feed is out of scope of this policy.

All palm-derived ingredients used within food and non-food OOB products must be Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certified to the appropriate supply chain certification standard. ORL accepts RSPO Segregated or Identity Preserved certification as the verified route to achieving deforestation and conversion free supply chains.

If it can be demonstrated that Segregated or Identity Preserved sourcing is not currently possible, RSPO mass balance certification may be permitted however an action plan must be provided to ORL outlining how the supply will transition to RSPO Segregated certification.

All Ocado Own Brand suppliers are required to annually report volumes, certification and sourcing origin of palm oil used in the products they supply. These are reported in the ORL Annual Sustainability Report against the 100% vDCF target via a 3rd party.

#### **4.4 Soy**

The majority of soy used in the Ocado Own Brand supply chain is embedded as animal feed in meat, fish, poultry, dairy and egg products. A separate soy sourcing policy is available (see [Soy Policy](#)) which contains full details of our sourcing strategy and reporting.

#### **4.5 Timber**

Any paper or board used in the packaging of Ocado Own Brand packaging will be Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified or equivalent. More information can be found in OBTR8 - Packaging Requirements which is sent to all new suppliers before a new product is developed.

#### **4.6 Beef**

All beef products sold as fresh beef or used as an ingredient in the Ocado Own Brand range are sourced from the UK or Ireland where the risk of deforestation and conversion is low.

### **5. Certification & Advocacy**

ORL seeks certification with third-party audits to provide assurance that the commodities in scope are being sourced responsibly and in line with this policy.

We also work directly with our Own Brand suppliers to improve practices, gain certifications and provide transparency across the supply chain. For any new supplier being onboarded, they are sent all sourcing requirements and should accept all terms of this and other policies. They are also expected to fulfil any reporting requirements requested by ORL.

We continue to advocate and engage externally as well as take part in collective action across the industry. We work with groups and initiatives including the UK Soy Manifesto, the Retail Soy Group and the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, Fairtrade & Rainforest Alliance.

Our Human Rights programme addresses the human rights issues associated with these high-risk supply chains and more details of this can be found in the [Human Rights Policy](#).

## 6. Glossary of Terms

All the definitions used in this policy are taken from the Accountability Framework Initiatives and are as follows:

Term	Definition
Deforestation	Loss of natural forest as a result of: i) conversion to agriculture or other non-forest land use; (ii) conversion to a tree plantation; (iii) severe and sustained degradation
Conversion	Loss of a natural ecosystem as a result of its replacement with agriculture or another land use, or due to a profound and sustained change in a natural ecosystem's species composition, structure, or function. Deforestation is one form of conversion.
Conversion-free	Commodity production, sourcing, or financial investments that do not cause or contribute to the conversion of natural ecosystems
Deforestation-free	Commodity production, sourcing, or financial investments that do not cause or contribute to deforestation

## Revision History

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1	May 2026	First Issue

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