ROUNDTABLE MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

Global Vision | Regional Action
2015 to 2020
UK Statement on Sustainable Production of Palm Oil

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Why did the UK Government act?

- UK Government has been working with stakeholders on sustainable palm oil since 2009
- Growing awareness of risks to the environment, climate change
- Defra published a Report on *Mapping & understanding the UK Palm Oil Supply chain* in April 2011
- In April 2012, during the Prime Minister’s visit to Indonesia, we announced our intention to work with UK businesses to set out a roadmap to achieving sustainable palm oil use in the UK.
UK Statement on Sustainable Palm Oil

- Published in October 2012
- Overall statement “The United Kingdom is working towards achieving 100% sourcing of credibly certified sustainable palm oil by the end of 2015”.
- Paragraphs from each organisation setting out their role and their palm oil commitments
- Originally 15 Signatories including trade associations, NGOs and Government. Now up to 18.
Why did signatories make this commitment?

• An opportunity to reduce business risk, and demonstrate responsibility
• Produce & source UK palm oil more sustainably
• Try to influence others in the EU market, consumers and producers
• Important to reassure producer nations to continue to produce increasing quantities of certified sustainable palm oil
Covers Key Palm Oil Using Sectors plus Government, NGOs

Includes trade associations for
- oil processors and distributors
- food and drink manufacturers
- hospitality
- retail
- renewable energy
- cleaning products
- speciality chemicals
- agricultural industries
- zoos & aquariums
- NGOs
UK Government Actions

- Signatory of the UK statement
- Co-ordinating role: organising regular meetings of signatories
- Funding support service provided through CPET
- Publishing annual progress reports
- Amended Food and Catering Government Buying Standard to include requirement on Sustainable Palm Oil, which is mandatory from the end of 2015
Food & Catering Government Buying Standard

- **Scope:** mandatory for all
  - Central Government Departments,
  - Executive Agencies
  - Non Departmental Public Bodies.
  Wider public sector is encouraged to use GBS

- Implemented through specification text & contract clauses which stipulate all palm oil (including PKO & products from PO) used as an ingredient in food must be sustainably produced from the end of 2015.

- The 2014 Plan for Public Procurement (‘the Bonfield Plan’) supports implementation of the Government Buying Standard (GBS) for food and catering.
Consumption Analysis Data 2014

• In 2014, UK imports of segregated and mass balance CSPO, plus purchases of Green Palm certificates by UK based businesses were equivalent to:
  - 72% of all UK imports and palm oil and palm kernel oil, using Oil World baseline data
  - 93% of all UK imports and palm oil and palm kernel oil, using FEDIOL data

• An increase from 2013 figures, which were:
  - 55% - using Oil World baseline data
  - 71% - using FEDIOL data
UK Progress to date

- Proportion of GreenPalm and Segregated/Mass Balance CSPO in the UK (based on Oil World data)
- Proportion of GreenPalm and Segregated/Mass Balance CSPO sustainable consumption in the UK (based on FEDIOL data)
Next Steps

• Global Supply Chains meeting in the Netherlands, 7 December
• Publish 2015 Consumption Analysis Report
• Continue working in partnership with stakeholders towards 100% CSPO