

SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL STATEMENT

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Weston Foods is committed to providing bakery products that are safe for consumption and are of a consistent and exceptional quality. Palm, palm kernel oil and their derivatives are ingredients commonly found in a wide range of bakery products, including cookies and donuts. Palm oil trees are highly productive plants, and the responsible growth and harvesting of palm oil supports the economy of small local communities in countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia, often bringing families out of poverty. However, with the rapid increases in palm oil production in recent years, there have also been some negative impacts of this expanding industry, such as deforestation, loss of biodiversity, impacts to endangered wildlife and social concerns such as smallholder and worker rights, forced and child labour and land rights disputes. Weston Foods is a member of the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (“RSPO”), a multi-stakeholder organization that has developed a set of globally recognized sustainable palm production standards. In 2015, Weston Foods made a commitment to support the sustainable production of palm oil to meet our customer’s needs. In 2016, Weston Foods will procure responsibly produced palm oil for all of our bakery products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil and/or palm oil derivatives as an ingredient. Responsible palm oil, palm kernel oil and derivatives are those that originate from farms and plantations that are verified to be in compliance with the Principles and Criteria established by the RSPO. Our long term aspiration is to support the protection of high carbon stock (“HCS”) land and peat lands, by ensuring bakery products contain fully traceable and segregated sources of RSPO certified palm oil. However, we understand that today, the availability of these ingredients is often limited and cost prohibitive.

Weston Foods will

- Work collaboratively with our customers, ingredient suppliers and other major supply chain stakeholders to increase the cost effective supply of RSPO certified ingredients
- Support our customers who have established time bound plans which may begin with mass balance supply chain systems or purchase of RSPO Credits and transition to segregated supplies over time as ingredients become available
- Report on our progress annually through our RSPO annual communication of progress (ACOP)