



## Toms Group: Action plan for responsible palm oil

Toms Group is committed to protect and ensure sustainable usage of the earth's resources and to act with respect for human rights at all steps in our supply chain. Even though cocoa will always be the most important raw material for the Toms Group, we have specific focus on other raw materials as well with palm oil being one of the key focus areas.

In Toms Group we have for years fought for a transition to sustainable palm oil by following the leading international standard and guidance of RSPO.

Palm oil represents a very small part of some of our products. But so is the case for many manufacturing companies for the retail industry. Therefore, the global use of palm oil is enormous – and so are the negative social and environmental consequences if palm oil is produced unsustainably.

With a highly complex supply chain, the transition to sustainable production and use of palm oil requires dedicated efforts from a huge number of players in the industry.

Therefore, Toms Group has since 2017 had 100% RSPO-certified palm oil in all our products. We work through a membership of RSPO and through the Danish Alliance for Responsible Palm Oil, for making sustainable palm oil the norm globally.

### **Danish Alliance for Responsible Palm Oil**

In 2020, we launched the Danish Alliance for Responsible Palm Oil together with leading Danish companies, authorities, and organizations including DIEH (Danish Ethical Trading Initiative), Danish Agriculture and Food Council, WWF, Confederation of Danish Industry, and several others. The goal of the collaboration is to ensure that the palm oil we import and use in Denmark is responsibly produced as well as contributing to the momentum of responsible production globally.

As we already source all palm oil RSPO certified, our key motivation for joining this alliance is to support the important development towards making responsible palm oil the norm. Additionally, we wish through this alliance to contribute to clear information and support a more nuanced dialog about palm oil which enables the consumers to take conscious, responsible choices.

### **Our steps forward**

Since 2017, Toms Group has sourced RSPO certified palm oil for all ingredients with palm oil or palm kernel oil being one of the ingredients. Next step is for the Toms Group to ensure, that also eventual palm oil derivatives being part of the ingredients are responsibly sourced.

In 2021, the Toms Group will register this knowledge for all existing ingredients and will integrate the registration of this as part of registration of data on any new ingredients. During 2022, the Toms Group will have a RSPO audit conducted at all production sites to meet eventual interest from customers and consumers to label products with RSPO label.

We are looking forward to supporting the Danish alliance reaching the important goals of making responsible palm oil the norm nationally and internationally and to contribute to the information and dialog on responsible palm oil.



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