

## UK Sustainable Soya Initiative – Governance Arrangements

At the UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya (RT) held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the following governance arrangements were agreed.

### Post 2020 UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya Goal

The following goal wording was agreed and approved by RT members:

*The UK Government supports Roundtable signatories' commitment to:*

- *sustainable resilient supplies of soya for the UK which are legal and cultivated in a way that protects against conversion of forests and valuable native vegetation; and*
- *help drive global mass market transition to sustainable supply chains.*

*Roundtable signatories commit to publishing their own policies and timebound plans for achieving this goal within 6 months of joining the Roundtable and to publicly update on progress annually.*

### Member requirements

The following requirements apply to all UK Soya RT members:

- Must be a buyer/specifier of soya to attend or relevant trade association\*
- Must be committed to the Goal of the UK Soya RT.
- Must have a policy and a timebound plan in the public domain within 6 months of joining the RT and report annually (annual reporting of progress).
- Policy must cover total business soya usage, for example it should not be limited to customer request.

Members will be listed on the public membership list on the Efeca website.

\* We encourage trade association membership but appreciate a trade association may not be able to make a commitment on behalf of all members. Trade association members are expected to promote the Roundtable within their membership and be actively involved in supporting the development and take up of industry solutions. Trade associations will be asked to provide updates on these activities to Efeca and the Roundtable.

In addition, from 2021 onwards, the following additional member requirements will be in place to strengthen transparency:

- Members' policy/timebound plan website links to be published on Efeca's website.
- A list of Roundtable members will be included in the Annual Progress Report. Members who do not contribute to the Annual Progress Report i.e., submit their Matrix of Progress will, following engagement by Efeca, be removed from the list of Roundtable members and considered a participant until an update on progress is provided.

## **Participant requirements**

Soya buyers/specifiers that do not meet Member requirements (above):

- Are encouraged and welcome to attend and participate in meetings and discussions and are encouraged to work towards membership but will not be included on the RT membership list (and should not make claims based on this) and will not be permitted to make decisions on future work to be taken by RT members only.

Member and participant attendees will be noted at the start of each meeting.

## **Measuring progress against the Goal of the Roundtable**

The following criteria will be used to measure progress against the Goal of the RT (above).

- Purchases of certified soya from standards that meet the key principles of the Goal, requiring legal compliance and prohibiting deforestation and conversion of other valuable native vegetation (book and claim certification or mass balance models).
  - Non-exclusive list added to UK Soya RT – 2020 Annual Progress Report (see Chapter 2).
- The balance of soya from the USA and Canada, as they are deemed to be Countries at lower risk of illegality, deforestation or conversion.

Efeca will also continue to consider the following – though recognising these may not be claims available to industry at this time:

- Contracted purchases of soya against the Amazon Soy Moratorium.
- Soya that is verified as legal, free from deforestation and conversion of other valuable native vegetation (e.g., deforestation free regional/landscape approach).

## **UK Roundtable Ways of Working**

### **UK Roundtable Steering Group**

- A Steering group will be maintained to ensure the UK Soya RT has strategic direction from members in between Roundtable meetings and to provide input into specific ad hoc issues as they arise.
- The Steering group will consist of two representatives from each sector: trader, feed, producer, retail and food service (10 representatives in total) and a representative from WWF and/or the NGO Forest Coalition. Only RT members can be part of the steering group.

### **UK Roundtable priority workstreams and additional areas of work**

- As the Secretariat, Efeca will share updates and agree priority workstreams in consultation and agreement with the members during RT meetings, on a majority basis.
- RT members are also welcomed to request additional work areas or activities. To ensure proposals for UK RT activity are reviewed by members and that there is clear membership mandate for action, additional requests will be subject to consultation/approval, as well as resource availability.

### **Meetings and events**

- The UK Roundtable meets twice annually, typically in Spring (March) and Autumn (October). Due to the UK acting as host for COP26 in 2021 this schedule has been revised to three meetings: Spring (likely in April), Summer (likely in July) and Autumn (likely in October) – to link in with COP 26 events in November 2021.
- Steering group consulted quarterly.
- Ongoing smaller working groups will be organised as needed (e.g., pork sector, beef/lamb sector, etc.)

### **Data Protection**

- Efeca will gather qualitative and quantitative information via the Matrix of Progress in order to create the annual update of progress. This information will be kept confidential and will not be shared without your permission. Efeca's data protection policies (compliant with GDPR 2018) can be found on our website at <http://www.efeca.com/privacy/> alternatively, you can email [info@efeca.com](mailto:info@efeca.com) for more information.
- Within the annual report, information will be provided in an aggregated, anonymised format to protect confidentially and ensure no commercially sensitive information is released. Roundtable members will also have the opportunity to review the report before it becomes publicly available.