

Palm Oil Roundup



Girl Scout Cookies and Palm Oil

Each year CMZ's palm oil team fields at least a few questions about Girl Scout Cookies and whether we can feel good about consuming them when considering their use of palm oil.

While the decision is ultimately a personal one, here are the facts we have compiled.

1. Each Girl Scout council contracts with the baker of their choice: ABC Bakers whose parent company is Weston Foods or Little Brownie Bakers under Kellogg.
2. The national organization, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Kellogg, and Weston Foods are all members of the RSPO.
3. Weston became a member of the RSPO in May 2015 and has not yet submitted an annual report (ACOP) to the RSPO. Previously, Weston's U.S. subsidiary Interbake, who oversees ABC Bakers, had missed the last two reporting periods.
4. In Interbake's last ACOP from 2014 only 30% of the palm oil being used was contributing to sustainable palm oil.

5. Kellogg has submitted the last two reports and 100% of their palm oil is contributing to the production of sustainable palm oil.

After reaching out to Interbake CMZ was informed that Weston would be taking over any sustainability reporting. We hope to see Weston begin filing their required ACOP and for both companies to use more physical CSPO that is deforestation-free in the future.

Due to the findings above, and the other four categories of the Sustainable Palm Oil Shopping Guide rating system, Little Brownie Bakers cookies have been given an "excellent" rating and ABC Bakers "needs improvement".

To view a company ACOP, visit RSPO.org.

New U.S. RSPO Members

- Through January 2017:
- CLP Chemicals, Inc.
 - AbiMar Foods
 - Alpha Baking Co.
 - Newly Weds Foods
 - Nexeo Solutions
 - Rierden Chemical & Trading Co.
 - Abaco Partners "Surefil"
 - Edward & Sons Trading Co.
 - Nonni's Foods
 - SunTree Snack Food
 - Sconza Candy
 - Glenn Inc.

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P.O. in the News

U.K. misses 100% sustainable palm oil target: While the UK made great progress towards their goal they were unable to meet 100% sustainable palm oil by the end of 2015. (read more...)

Wilmar grabbed Indigenous lands in Sumatra, RSPO finds: The Kapa community filed a complaint with the RSPO in October 2014, stating that Wilmar had established a plantation in their area in violation of both RSPO standards and Indonesian law. (read more...)

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