

Palm Oil Procurement Guidelines

Palm oil is a raw material that is used in a wide variety of products and originates from the oil palm, which grows in tropical regions with a certain amount of annual rainfall.

Tropical rainforests play a vital role in mitigating climate change and maintaining biodiversity, and the deforestation of these rainforests for the purpose of developing oil palm plantations is an important issue.

In light of this, in order to promote the procurement of sustainable palm oil, Mitsubishi Corporation (hereafter 'MC') became a member of the RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) in 2004, taking steps to address environmental and ecosystem conservation as well as human rights and labor issues connected to the production of palm oil. In addition, MC collaborates and cooperates with other RSPO member companies to promote the importance of procuring sustainable palm oil, including RSPO certified sustainable palm oil, to companies across the supply chain.

By establishing the Palm Oil Procurement Guidelines, MC conveys its fundamental perspective to its suppliers around the world and strives to ensure the following:

1. Active participation as a member company of the RSPO.
2. Total volume and ratio of sustainable palm oil handled, including RSPO certified palm oil, is disclosed.
3. Palm oil connected to human rights violations such as child labor and forced labor is not procured.
4. Palm oil is procured in a manner that gives due consideration for workers' rights and biodiversity.
5. Palm oil products which are produced in accordance with local laws in the area of origin and have cleared proper procedures are procured.
6. Palm oil connected to deforestation of High Conservation Value (HCV) forests, High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests or development on peatlands is not procured.
7. Activities connected with the RSPO are promoted to MC's subsidiaries, affiliates and customers.
8. Collaboration and cooperation with a variety of stakeholders, including other RSPO member companies, suppliers and third parties, is conducted to achieve the above.

In addition to continuing the measures detailed above, MC will make efforts for sustainable palm oil sourcing by aiming to build a supply chain that ensures No Deforestation, No Peat and No Exploitation (NDPE).

■ Sourcing Targets

MC has set a target to source 100% sustainable palm oil* by 2030 and will work to procure and supply palm oil in a sustainable manner through engagement and collaboration with stakeholders across the supply chain.

*Sustainable palm oil, including RSPO certified sustainable palm oil, that is sourced from supply chains that uphold an NDPE policy.