

Policy and action plan for responsible and sustainable soy

“Discount with attitude” is the slogan for all our work with corporate social responsibility, which is integrated in all of REMA 1000. Fundamentally, Discount with attitude means that our goods are sold at a low price, but with clear opinions and demands to the quality of our products and their impact on animals, people, and the environment.

At REMA 1000, we act responsibly, and we strive to offer our customers goods that are responsibly and sustainably produced. We will take responsibility throughout the value chain, which is why it is important to us that our suppliers meet the requirements of our Supplier Code of Conduct, which places demands on ethical, social, and environmental responsibility in the value chain.

Soy is used as an ingredient in products we have on the shelves – for instance in soy sauce and soy milk. Additionally, soy is indirectly included in many meat and dairy products as it is included in animal feed.

Soy is a key source of protein and has a high yield per area. However, in some places, soy production has significant negative environmental and social consequences. This applies, for instance, to deforestation, especially in South America, which has consequences for climate and biodiversity. Cultivation of soy can also have a high use of pesticides that are suspected of causing serious harm to local populations.

To ensure that all soy imported to Denmark is responsibly produced and does not contribute to deforestation, REMA 1000 has joined the Danish Alliance for Responsible Soy. The alliance was founded in 2019, is facilitated by the Danish Initiative for Ethical Trade, and consists of actors from all parts of the value chain. The goal of the alliance is to bring together relevant Danish actors in a committed relationship to ensure progress towards responsibly produced soy.

As an Alliance participant, we are committed to:

- Publishing an action plan that contains a timetable and describes initiatives to ensure progress towards all soy imported into Denmark being responsibly produced, including legally produced and not contributing to deforestation or conversion into other natural vegetation.
- Reporting progress annually to the Alliance Secretariat – for the first time before the end of May 2021.

Initiatives and timetable

Our ambition is to contribute to a responsible and sustainable soy production by setting the following demands for our suppliers:

Direct and indirect soy in food in our own brand products must be verified deforestation free or third party certified:

- Through RTRS credits or physical certification by the end of 2020.
- Through physical certification by the end of 2025.

The demand applies to:

- Products containing 5 % or more soy as an ingredient
- Products containing more than 40 % animal ingredients where soy has been used as feed. This includes dairy, eggs, meat, fish, and shellfish.

We will share our progress on the work with reaching our goals on sustainable production of soy in our annual CSR report.

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