

Statement

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To whom it may concern

Palm oil statement - Chr. Hansen Natural Colors

This document applies to all natural color products, coloring foodstuffs and phytonutrients placed on the market by Chr. Hansen.

Chr. Hansen is committed to helping pave the way for a more sustainable future. We integrate social and environmental concerns in our processes and products and monitor and communicate our progress. All vendors of raw materials must be approved in our vendor approval program to ensure that they follow standards with regards to compliance, quality, environmental protection and sustainability. This also applies to vendors of palm based compounds.

The palm oil industry is under high scrutiny and criticism due to its environmental and social impacts, especially in terms of deforestation, potential impact on indigenous people and general working conditions. At the same time, palm oil is highly efficient to grow and palm trees produce 4-10 times more oil than other crops per unit of cultivated land, implying that much larger amounts of land would be needed if palm oil were replaced with other plant oils.

Chr. Hansen has been an affiliate member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) since 2011. The RSPO was established in 2004 with the objective of promoting the growth and use of sustainable palm oil products through credible global standards and engagement of stakeholders. The association unites all relevant stakeholders including for example producers, processors, consumer goods manufacturers, retailers, and NGOs. All Chr. Hansen's suppliers of palm oil based natural carotene are members of the RSPO.

Position on RSPO certified solutions

There are four certification categories within the RSPO certification system: Book and Claim, Mass Balance, Segregation and Identity Preserved.

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If you would like your products to meet any one of these RSPO certification levels, we are happy to discuss and investigate further to ensure that the products we supply you meet your needs. We can also provide relevant information to help you define the amount of palm oil derivatives our products contribute to your end consumer product.

If you have further questions, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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