



## **Dunkin' Brands Guidelines for Sourcing Palm Oil**

### **Introduction**

Since moving toward a Zero Grams Trans Fat platform in 2008, Dunkin' Brands has been a relatively minor user of palm oil. We recognize, however, that sourcing even limited amounts of palm oil irresponsibly can contribute to climate change as a result of deforestation, loss of natural habitats for endangered species and other environmental and social concerns including the violation of human rights. As a result, we have created these guidelines to share our commitment to sourcing responsibly produced palm oil with our stakeholders, set forth clear requirements for our suppliers and guide our own decision-making regarding palm oil in our global supply chain. This palm oil policy applies to 100% of palm oil sourced by Dunkin' Brands, Inc.

### **Commitment**

Dunkin' Brands requires our suppliers to adhere to the principles outlined below and create transparency and traceability along the palm oil supply chain to the plantation. Current and potential suppliers are required to complete a supplier code of conduct survey to help identify social and environmental risks in our supply chain and to ensure continued adherence to Dunkin' Brands' policies and standards. We are working with our suppliers to develop a plan to source 100% sustainable palm oil by 2016, and to ensure independent verification of compliance with our guidelines. We will work with our suppliers to create transparent sourcing networks with traceability to the plantation in partnership with the franchisee-owned purchasing cooperative. We will evaluate our suppliers' palm oil policies to ensure they are aligned with our timeline. We will specify that the franchisee-owned purchasing cooperative source from suppliers that can source 100% responsible palm oil for use in the U.S. by the end of 2016. We are in the early stages of assessing our international supply chain as a step toward implementing our commitment to require that 100% of the palm oil sourced for use in our international business is sustainable. We will report on progress made in our international efforts annually, starting in March 2015.

### **Responsible Palm Oil Principles**

Dunkin' Brands supports and holds our suppliers accountable to the following principles in our long-term commitment to source responsible palm oil.

#### ***No Deforestation***

- No development of High Carbon Stock forests (HCS – see definition below)
- No development of High Conservation Value areas (HCV – see definition below)
- No burning in preparation of land or in development
- Progressively reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions on existing plantations from all sources
- Only source from operations that comply with local, national and international laws

#### ***No Development on Peat***

- No development on peat areas regardless of depth
- Best Management Practices for existing plantations on Peat

### ***No Exploitation of People and Communities***

- Respect and support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Respect, recognize and uphold the rights of all workers, regardless of gender, including contract, temporary and migrant workers
- Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) to operations on lands to which they hold legal, communal or customary rights via their own freely chosen representatives

### **Targets**

Dunkin' Brands will work with our franchisee-owned purchasing cooperative and our suppliers to achieve the following timelines:

- Source palm oil that is 100% fully traceable to the mill by December 31, 2015 for U.S. operations
- Source palm oil that is 100% fully traceable to the plantation, RSPO certified and compliant with the above Responsible Palm Oil Principles by December 31, 2016 for US operations
- Develop and publish a phased implementation plan, including mapping our international supply chain, by March 1, 2015

Dunkin' Brands will disqualify any suppliers in serious violation of its policy, and which do not take immediate remedial action to correct those violations.

### **Reporting**

Dunkin' Brands will release progress reports annually in addition to our Corporate Social Responsibility report, which is published every two years

### **Definitions**

**High Conservation Value (HCV)** areas contain items of biological, social or cultural value that are important to conserve, including rare, threatened and endangered species and their habitat. Please visit the HCV Resource Network [website](#) for more information.

**High Carbon Stock (HCS)** forests include primary forests, high, medium and low-density forests and regenerating forests. Golden Agri-Resources and SMART, in collaboration with Greenpeace and TFT, have developed and are testing a HCS framework and identification tool. Please read [The High Carbon Stock Forest Study Report](#) for more information. Dunkin' Brands supports the multi-stakeholder scientific review process that is currently underway with HCS.