

Hain Daniels Group Sourcing Statement – Palm Oil

Thank you for your interest in the Hain Daniels Group. Palm Oil is a complicated topic and although the statement below is long, we think that it is important to go into this detail and to share all our information with you.

As demand for this versatile product increases, it is important that all manufacturers work towards sustainable sourcing.

The Hain Daniels Group fully supports the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) as the globally recognised standard for sustainable palm oil and have membership of the RSPO through our parent company Hain Celestial.

Straight palm products that we buy are fully Certified Sustainable by the RSPO. We hold an RSPO Chain of Custody certification to Mass Balance level (BMT-RSPO-000380), meaning we have been audited against the RSPO's official standards. Certification makes sure growers who respect sustainability requirements and pay a fair, living wage are recognised and supported.

Straight palm oil is readily available as RSPO certified sustainable 'Segregated'. However, many ingredients we use within our products do not contain (or do not just contain) straight palm oil. Often they make use of palm fractions, called 'Palm derivatives', with very specific, difficult to replicate, properties.

Due to a much smaller world demand for palm fractions, it's far harder to purchase them as RSPO certified 'Segregated' sustainable. This means that sometimes the final ingredient we use cannot be certified as RSPO 'Segregated'. When this is the case, we are committed to purchasing 'Mass balance' RSPO certified material and driving our suppliers to improve the sustainability by moving towards RSPO certified 'Segregated'.

Where there is no certified sustainable option available, we remove that ingredient as soon as we find an alternative that ensures that the quality of the product is not impacted.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Consumer Care team. They can be reached either by calling 0800 022 4339 (Monday to Friday, 09:00-17:00) or you can use the 'Contact Us' form on our website <http://www.haindaniels.com/contact-us/> - they will always get back to you by the next business day.

We understand that this topic creates strong opinions and everyone has a right to voice them. We work hard to ensure we deliver the best tasting food and strive for sustainability improvements along the way.