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Statement on Sustainable Palm Oil

A consumer advocacy group has raised concerns over possible environmental impact of palm oil plantations. This group encourages purchasers of palm oil to work with companies that follow guidelines for sustainable palm oil production.

The distributor is actively involved in the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) a forum expressly created to address these specific concerns. The RSPO is comprised of palm growers, palm oil users, retail food chains and NGOs such as the World Wildlife Fund.

Recognizing the need for sustainable palm oil industry standards, Distributor's parent company was a founding member of the RSPO to develop the guidelines for ethical and sustainable practices in production of palm oil. The Distributor has already implemented many of the goals of the RSPO and are committed to a program of continuous improvement.

The distributor uses palm oil sourced exclusively from facilities in Malaysia. This means that the material is fully traceable throughout the entire supply chain.

A document recently published by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) said that "consumers should avoid partially hydrogenated oils [trans fats] in foods and insist that manufacturers use only palm oil that was produced in an environmentally safe way."