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KAO Chemicals Europe Sustainability Statement

Kao Corporation, which has been a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) since 2007, started purchase of palm oil certified under the Book and Claim system* (certified palm oil) from September 2010.

The RSPO is an international nonprofit organization established in 2004 by major environmental NPOs, as well as palm oil producers and users around the world, for the purpose of sustainable production and use of palm oil, while preserving the natural environment of producer countries, Malaysia and Indonesia, and respecting the rights of local people. In 2005, the RSPO adopted the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Palm Oil Production.

Kao uses palm oil and palm kernel oil as principal raw materials in its consumer and chemical products. To support the preservation of biodiversity, Kao became a member of the RSPO in 2007 and purchases all of its palm oil and palm kernel oil from manufacturers affiliated with the RSPO.

In 2008, the RSPO established the RSPO Certification Systems, mapping out criteria for sustainable palm oil production and providing certification for plantations whose practices are in compliance with the criteria. In total, four certification systems have been introduced.

In 2015, KAO concluded the certification of all of its chemical facilities to be compliant with the RSPO Mass Balance and Segregated Supply Chain Certification Systems.

Following the sustainability principles of KAO Group, in 2015 KAO Chemicals Europe has begun purchasing some of the palm and palm kernel oil derivatives used for the manufacture of surfactants and other products under the RSPO Mass Balance certification. The usage of these certified feedstock will keep increasing in volume and variety according to their availability and the demand from our customers, who are encouraged to follow these sustainability principles.

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