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Deforestation Policy

Suncream Dairies Ltd understand that forests are key to the survival of the planet by storing carbon dioxide to minimise the effects of climate change. They also provide nutritious food and offer many ecological, economic, social and health benefits. We are concerned that the world is currently losing 10 million hectares of forests each year due to deforestation and the conversion of natural vegetation.

We recognise our use of three major forest commodities:

Pulp for use in cardboard packaging.

Wood for use as pallets for transport.

Palm Oil for use as an ingredient in the ice cream.

Commitment

We are committed to purchasing forest commodities from responsible and sustainable sources, although equally recognising our ability to influence grass roots practice due our size as a small manufacturer.

The Suncream Dairies Ltd Code of Practice and Vendor Assessment Programme is clear that suppliers must ensure either they, or their suppliers comply with the following requirements:

Pulp for cardboard – all outer cardboard cases used in the packaging of Suncream produced products must be from fully recyclable board.

Wood for pallets – where possible all suppliers should be part of a recyclable pallet scheme (e.g. Chep). All pallets must be from renewable sources.

Palm Oil – must be sourced from suppliers who are committed to purchase palm oil within the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil scheme (RSPO).

NDPE – No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation – all suppliers must commit to the NDPE guidelines.

Suncream Dairies expect all suppliers to commit to the above with confirmation expected through the Vendor Assessment programme. Full traceability of all raw materials and packaging further supports the commitment to this policy.

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Suncream Dairies further contribute to the reduction of use of forest commodities by separating and recycling all cardboard waste. In addition, Suncream utilises a recyclable pallet scheme which are made from 100% recyclable and reusable materials from certified sustainably managed forests.

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