

Group Soya Policy

Global demand for protein to feed an increasing world population is leading to greater areas of land being cleared for cultivation of soya for oil production and animal feed. Soya is a high-quality vegetable protein used in animal feed for its nutritional benefits. The United States and South America (e.g. Brazil) are the two main production regions, with China as the largest consumer and the EU the second largest.

Prevention of deforestation is critical to conserve biodiversity, protect communities that depend on the forests for their livelihoods and mitigate climate change. In 2006 the Amazon Soy Moratorium was established in order to halt further loss of the Brazilian Amazon for soya cultivation. However, clearance (both legal and illegal) of the Amazon and other globally important areas, such as the Cerrado - the world's most biodiverse savannah, continues. We are signatories to the Business Statement of Support for the [Cerrado Manifesto](https://cerradostatement.fairr.org/signatories/), which calls for industry, civil society and government to work together to balance sustainable agricultural development and protection of this important natural ecosystem (<https://cerradostatement.fairr.org/signatories/>).

We cannot end deforestation without the wholesale transformation of supply chains towards more sustainable models. To achieve this, businesses, governments, civil society and the people who live and work in forested landscapes need to work in partnership to achieve sustainable development whilst valuing and conserving forests. As a member of the [UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya](#) since its launch in July 2018, we pledge to ensure that our supply chain is made aware of the impact of soya on deforestation in particular areas of South America. To this end we are looking to move toward certified sources of soya as we believe that effective collaboration across a number of retail, processing and production partners, encouraging the conversion of land already cleared to produce sustainable soya, will enable our ultimate goal of procuring secure, resilient supplies of sustainable soya to the UK and halting deforestation and further biodiversity loss through land clearance.

Cranswick are committed to ensuring that the only soya in our supply chain is legal and cultivated in a way that protects against conversion of forest and valuable native vegetation.

Our milestone targets on the route to achieve this are;

1. Use of zero deforestation soya credit schemes – this process has already begun
2. Transition from book & claim credits to Mass Balance & Area Mass Balance soya schemes by 2023
3. We aim to source from verified zero deforestation areas by 2025

In parallel with the above we shall continue research and development to find alternative protein sources, such as peas, beans and insect protein, for the future.

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