



Nestlé Good food, Good life

Nestlé responsible sourcing definitions 2019

Priority raw materials	Definition of responsibly sourced	Definition of verified deforestation free
Cereals & grains	<p>Cereals and grains volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From low-risk countries (Europe, USA) b. Have been certified by Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) GLOBAL G.A.P. and FSA add-on or any standard benchmarked by FSA c. Have been assessed as compliant with the Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard by Control Union d. From origins with a regenerative agriculture project in place 	N/A*
Cocoa	<p>Cocoa volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria:</p> <p>Have been certified by Rainforest Alliance/UTZ, Fairtrade (African and Asian origins and Ecuador) or are from <i>Nestlé Cocoa Plan</i> origin programs (Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil)</p>	N/A*
Coconut	<p>New priority material. Responsibly sourced criteria currently under definition.</p>	N/A*
Coffee	<p>Coffee volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have been certified by 4C, Rainforest Alliance/UTZ or Fairtrade b. From validated and independently verified programs (<i>Nespresso's</i> AAA, Starbucks' C.A.F.E. Practices, Certifica Minas, Comexim app, Olam's AtSource) 	N/A*
Dairy	<p>Fresh milk and dairy processed ingredients volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Farm assessments have been performed by a third-party verification company (e.g. SGS, Control Union, Bureau Veritas) on a sample group of farmers supplying Nestlé directly or through one of the dairy processed ingredients suppliers. b. Nestlé has engaged with a dairy processed ingredients supplier in remediation/capacity-building "value adding projects" (e.g. animal welfare, greenhouse gas or GHG emissions, water) driving greater responsible sourcing/sustainability in the Nestlé supply chain. 	N/A*
Fish & seafood	<p>Fish and seafood volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From low- and medium-risk origins as certified by FishSource or Seafood Watch b. Have been certified by any of the following: Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Iceland Responsible Fisheries Management, Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management, Global Aquaculture Alliance's Best Aquaculture Practices, GLOBAL G.A.P. Aquaculture Certification c. From a fishery or aquaculture improvement project or from IFFO RS-certified origins, with continued engagement with suppliers 	N/A*



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Hazelnut	Hazelnut volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Turkey: Segregated volumes are from verified gardens b. Other sourcing countries: Volumes are from a village where there is monitoring, awareness and/or remediation activities co-funded by Nestlé	N/A*
Meat, poultry & eggs	Meat, poultry and eggs volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Farm assessments have been performed by a third-party verification company (e.g. SGS, Control Union) on a sample group of farmers involved in the Nestlé supply chain. b. Nestlé has engaged with the supplier in remediation/capacity-building “value adding projects” (e.g. animal welfare, GHG emissions, water) driving greater responsible sourcing/ sustainability in the Nestlé supply chain.	Meat volumes are considered deforestation free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Classified as no or low risk of deforestation by relevant literature b. Verified through on-the-ground assessments (SGS audits) c. Verified through NASA Landsat satellite monitoring
Palm oil	Palm oil volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Have been independently verified as aligned with Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard b. From supply chains with robust timebound action plans supported by substantial evidence they are progressing toward fully implementing the Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard c. From RSPO segregated or identity preserved certified supply chains	Palm oil volumes are considered deforestation free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Verified through on-the-ground assessments by non-governmental organization (NGO) partners b. Certified RSPO SG/IP supply chains c. Certified RSPO segregated and HCV assessment d. Traceable to plantations that are verified as deforestation free via satellite monitoring systems such as Starling
Pulp & paper	Pulp and paper volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. All recovered fiber and virgin fiber from a low-risk country of harvest is considered responsibly sourced b. Have been certified by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) c. Have been assessed by Earthworm Foundation as being compliant with the Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard d. From communities where a rurality project is implemented	Pulp and paper volumes are considered deforestation free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Classified as no or low risk of deforestation by relevant literature b. Verified through on-the-ground assessments (HCV/HCA assessments by NGO partners) c. Certified by FSC or PEFC
Soya	Soya volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Have been certified by Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS), GLOBAL G.A.P. and FSA, and any standard benchmarked by FSA Silver level b. Have been assessed as compliant with Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard by Proforest c. From low-risk countries (Europe, USA) d. From origins where a program is in place	Soya volumes are considered deforestation free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Classified as no or low risk of deforestation by relevant literature b. Verified through on-the-ground assessments (HCV/HCA assessments by NGO partners or certified by RTRS)



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Spices	Spices volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. From farming areas engaged in spices tailored sustainability indicators approach and operations for the given country of origin b. From an accepted equivalent standard/program in place	N/A*
Sugar	Sugar volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they have been independently verified against the Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard through one of the following methods: a. Expert desk-based analysis including self-assessment and consideration of certification and equivalent sustainability schemes b. Site visits following initial desk-based risk assessment and prioritization c. If gaps are identified, development and implementation of continuous improvement plans	Sugar volumes are considered low risk of deforestation when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Expert desk-based analysis including self-assessment and consideration of certification and equivalent sustainability schemes b. Mills and supply base assessed and no or minor gaps found for deforestation and HCV conversion for sugarcane production c. Desk-based analysis finds that country or jurisdictional legislation on deforestation is aligned with NRSS criteria and there is strong law enforcement
Vanilla	Vanilla volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Have been certified as traceable and verified by an independent third party such as Ecocert and/or equivalent body, meaning a documented chain of custody from the exporter to the producer b. Have been certified by Rainforest Alliance, Fairtrade, Fair 4 Life or FSA 2.1 Silver level c. From a plantation/village with remediation activities co-funded by Nestlé	N/A*
Vegetables	Vegetable volumes are considered responsibly sourced if they come from a supplier working with farms that have been assessed by a third party accredited by Nestlé using either FSA or a standard benchmarked with FSA at Silver level and that have an improvement plan in place for gaps found during the assessments.	N/A*

* As of end of March 2019, 77% of our purchases of key agricultural raw materials linked to deforestation (palm oil, pulp and paper, meat and sugar) were verified as deforestation free. More information is available [here](#)