



Nestlé Good food, Good life

Responsible sourcing definitions

We obtain all our raw materials in accordance with our *Responsible Sourcing Standard*. For each of our priority raw materials the exact definition of what constitutes 'responsibly sourced' is outlined here.

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Priority raw materials	Definition of responsibly sourced	Definition of assessed as deforestation-free ¹
Cereals and grains	Cereals and grains volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: 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 <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> by Control Union. d. From origins with a regenerative agriculture project in place.	N/A
Cocoa	Cocoa volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Have been certified by Rainforest Alliance/UTZ (African and Asian origins and Ecuador) b. Are from <i>Nestlé Cocoa Plan</i> origin programs (Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil).	N/A
Coconut	Coconut volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they have been independently checked against the Nestlé Responsible Sourcing Standard through one of the following methods: a. Expert desk-based analysis including publicly available data, company data and consideration of certification and equivalent sustainability schemes. b. Site visits following initial desk-based risk assessment and prioritization. If gaps are identified during desk-based analysis or site visits, development, implementation and monitoring of continuous improvement plans is required.	N/A
Coffee	Coffee volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: 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	Fresh milk and dairy processed ingredients 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, 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 (GHG) emissions, water) driving greater responsible sourcing/sustainability in the Nestlé supply chain.	N/A
Fish and seafood	Fish and seafood volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: 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
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 and 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 assessed as deforestation-free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Classified as low risk of deforestation by relevant literature. b. Assessed through on-the-ground assessments (SGS audits).

¹ In 2010, Nestlé committed to deforestation-free supply chains. The scope of this commitment includes Nestlé's direct supplies of palm oil, pulp and paper, soya, sugar and meat (excluding meat by-products as well as meats other than beef and pork). More information about our commitment and our progress can be found [here](#).

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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 <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> . b. From supply chains with robust timebound action plans supported by substantial evidence they are progressing toward fully implementing the Nestlé <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> . c. From Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) segregated or identity preserved certified supply chains.	Palm oil volumes are assessed as deforestation-free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Assessed through on-the-ground assessments (e.g. HCS/HCV assessments, site assessment) by partners (e.g. Earthworm Foundation). b. RSPO segregated or identity preserved certified supply chains. c. Traceable to origins that are assessed as deforestation-free via satellite monitoring systems such as Starling.
Pulp and 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 <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> . d. From communities where a rurality project is implemented.	Pulp and paper volumes are assessed as deforestation-free when they are traceable to locations that meet one of the following criteria: a. Classified as low risk of deforestation by relevant literature. b. Assessed through on-the-ground assessments (e.g. High Conservation Value/Habitat deforestation) by partners (e.g. Earthworm Foundation). c. Certified by FSC or PEFC. d. Recycled or recovered fiber traceable to mill and assessed as low risk.
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 Proterra, and any standard benchmarked by FSA Silver level. b. Have been assessed as compliant with Nestlé <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> by Proforest or Control Union. c. From low-risk countries in North America (Canada and USA) and Europe (including Russia). d. From origins where a Responsible Sourcing program is in place (including volumes covered with RTRS regional credits).	Soya volumes are assessed as deforestation-free when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Traceable to origins classified as low risk of conversion of natural ecosystems by relevant literature ² . b. Traceable to high-risk origins (Amazon and Cerrado biome in Brazil, Gran Chaco biome in Argentina and Paragua) and certified by RTRS, Proterra or other accepted standard ³ .
Spices	Spices volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they meet one of the following criteria: a. The volumes come from suppliers, farms or communities engaged in the Responsible Sourcing Spices program and have committed to an improvement roadmap. b. The volumes are covered by an equivalent standard/program.	N/A
Sugar	Sugar volumes are considered responsibly sourced when they have been independently checked against the Nestlé <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> through one of the following methods: a. Expert desk-based analysis including publicly available data, company data and consideration of certification and equivalent sustainability schemes. b. Site visits following initial desk-based risk assessment and prioritization. c. If gaps are identified during desk-based analysis or site visits, development, implementation and monitoring of continuous improvement plans is required.	Sugar volumes are assessed as deforestation-free when they meet one of the following criteria: a. Expert desk-based analysis including publicly available data, company data, GIS analysis and consideration of certification and equivalent sustainability schemes. b. Desk-based analysis finds that country or jurisdictional legislation on deforestation is aligned with Nestlé <i>Responsible Sourcing Standard</i> criteria and there is strong law enforcement. c. Mills and supply base are site assessed and no or minor gaps found for deforestation and HCV conversion for sugarcane production. d. Traceable to origin and certified under accepted standards.
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

² Origins classified as high risk of conversion of natural ecosystems are the Amazon and Cerrado regions in Brazil and the Gran Chaco region in Argentina and Paraguay. All other origins are classified as low risk.

³ Other certification schemes and voluntary standards can be assessed as 'deforestation-free' compliant by Proforest.