

# Responsible Sourcing of Soy Position Statement



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The use of soy as an ingredient in food products is diverse. Soybean oil is created through the crushing of soybeans and is one of the world's most widely consumed plant oils due to its versatility and reported health benefits. At GrainCorp, we purchase soybean oil on behalf of customers for use in the manufacturing of their products. We also purchase soybean meal for a range of domestic and international customers.

Due to the scale of global production and consumption of soybean oil, potentially, there are significant impacts related to its production including deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, human rights, groundwater depletion, land rights for indigenous peoples and loss of biodiversity. At GrainCorp we share the ambitions of our stakeholders to acknowledge and address these potential impacts and ensure the responsible sourcing of soy-based products. The objective of our position on the sourcing of soybean oil and meal is to take proactive steps to trace our inputs and verify the sustainably practices of our suppliers.

## **Our Position**

GrainCorp's sustainable soy position is underpinned by a recognition that we have a responsibility to sustainably source the soybean oil and meal used in our operations.

GrainCorp manages the risks associated with soybean oil by maintaining an approved supplier list for soybean oil crushers and traders, focusing on traceability and verification. As a relatively small user we recognise the considerable influence our suppliers have over the primary producers and the need for collaboration to drive impact and reduce duplication

## **Minimum requirements for approved suppliers include:**

- Adherence to the GrainCorp Supplier Code of Conduct;
- Implementation of a no deforestation commitment; and
- Transparency regarding location of crush sites and geographic soybean sourcing risks related to GrainCorp

## **Evidence used for addressing these expectations could include:**

- Certification against approved sustainability schemes and initiatives;
- Ethical sourcing audits (e.g. SMETA) of crushing plants;
- Public commitment(s) targeting a deforestation free supply chain and reporting of progress, and;
- Membership to industry transformation commitments and moratoriums

Our Supplier Code of Conduct reinforces our specific commitments on the adherence to rule of law, human rights, employee working conditions, and the environmental stewardship role we aim to play directly or through our supply chains.

**Implementation Plan**

We expect our soybean meal and oil procurement to comply with this position statement by the end of FY23. We will monitor compliance with this position statement and review the approved list of suppliers every 12 months (or as required) to ensure our criteria continue to be met. We will conduct due diligence activities of approved suppliers to validate the basis for their inclusion.