



Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG

CONSTITUENCY INDUSTRY, TRADE AND FINANCE

Date:

Primary contact responsible for the institutional commitment to RTRS

(name, e-mail, phone number, office address)

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Person reporting

(if different)

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Please state what the main activities of your organization are, both overall and those specifically linked to soy production:

→ Lidl is a retail company based in Neckarsulm and part of the Schwarz Gruppe. It is one of the foremost food retailers in Germany and Europe.

Please state in which regions the organization operates

→ Lidl is present in 32 countries and operates over 10,000 stores in 29 countries worldwide.

Is the person reporting for the entire organization or a specific region? (please, state which one)

→ Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, UK, France (partly)

What is the organization's policy on soy

please provide link if available

→ As a retailer we strive for greater sustainability across our business through the sourcing of our products. We believe in a responsible soy production that does not harm nature or people. We support soy from sustainable, certified sources.

OPERATIONS RELATED TO SOY

What is your organization's annual soy footprint?

Please state direct use and indirect, in tonnes

→ Not calculated on a global basis

Do you have a system for calculating your (direct and indirect) production, purchase, trade or use of soybeans or derivatives?

→ Yes for the indirect use

What is the total volume of your (direct) soy use (beans, meal, oil, hulls, lecithin, derivatives).

Please specify per category and specify the scope, where relevant (national/international, own brands/all brands, etc)

→ Not calculated on a global basis

What is the total volume of your (indirect or embedded) soy use (beans, meal, oil, hulls, derivatives, e.g. in feed for animal products)

Please specify per category

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→ Not calculated on a global basis but for several Lidl countries (Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, UK, France (partly)). The calculation was validated by an external party. Soy credits were purchased in Direct Trade for the proportion of soybeans that were not yet sustainable.

OPERATIONS RELATED TO RTRS SOY¹

RTRS Certified Soy Purchased/used in 2019	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
			224.000 (Direct Trade)

Did you purchase this yourself directly or did your supplier do this? If your supplier did so, how did you specify and verify this?

→ We bought the credits via ACT commodities.

What type of products do you use RTRS soy for?
(Specify supply chain options), direct and indirect.

→ Indirect: eggs, meat, poultry, dairy

Did your organization make any public claims related to the production, trade and purchase of RTRS soy?
Please provide link.

→ Yes, in some countries. For example Lidl UK: <https://corporate.lidl.co.uk/sustainability/deforestation/soy>

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TIME BOUND PLAN FOR RESPONSIBLE SOY

What date did your organization start, or does it plan to start using or supporting RTRS soy via purchases?
(including all supply chain options)

→ 2011 (Lidl Netherlands)

Does your organization expect to use 100% RTRS soy?
If so, by when?

→ RTRS or equivalent in Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, UK, (France).

What milestones has your organization defined for its responsible soy use?
Please state annual targets/strategies, including its 2020 target if applicable.

→ In 2017 Lidl Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland and Denmark bought RTRS Direct Trade credits for eggs, meat, poultry and dairy products. Direct Trade means that we carefully chose three farms which we directly support with the purchase of the RTRS credits. In 2018 Lidl UK and France (partly) were added and the volume increased.

Please quantify your commitment or estimated purchase/use of Certified Responsible Soy in the table below

(tonnes)	2018			2019			2020		
	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
Direct use			211.746 (Direct)			224.000 (Direct)			

¹ Where 'soy' is mentioned this refers to all products (beans, oil, meal, hulls, lecithin, derivatives, etc.) and both direct and indirect use.



Indirect use									
TOTAL									

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MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION

How did your organization provide information about its RTRS membership to internal and/or external audiences?

→ We provided the information in meetings and talks with various stakeholders and via the website of some countries.

How did your organization support or promote RTRS?

E.g. what internal and external activities were organized?

→ Lidl became part of the RTRS board in 2019.

Did the organization proactively encourage other companies (supplier, customer, and colleague) to support or become members of the RTRS?

If so, please specify.

→ We made a video about our engagement with RTRS and published it on various websites (see for example: <https://corporate.lidl.co.uk/sustainability/deforestation/soy>). Lidl actively engages in national roundtables for sustainable soy (for instance the Swedish soy dialogue).

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OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Did your organization provide support towards RTRS certification for producers, such as training, in producing countries?

If so, please specify.

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Did your organization raise/contribute funds in order to support capacity building and other activities? If so, please specify which organization were supported, the nature of the activities and the amount of funds that were contributed

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Did your organization participate in RTRS working groups or courses?

If so, please specify.

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OTHER COMMENTS

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