



Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG

CONSTITUENCY INDUSTRY, TRADE AND FINANCE

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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 grocery store with its headquarter in Neckarsulm, Germany. In our products there might be soy used in a direct and indirect use. We would like to source this soy more responsible.

Please state in which regions the organization operates

→ Lidl is present in 32 countries and operates over 11,000 stores in 29 countries worldwide.

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

→ We're buying RTRS credits for the following countries: Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, UK, France, Ireland, Spain, Italy

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 implementation of more responsible 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. Until 2025 we aim for a complete use of certified soy within our supply chains. We published a "no Deforestation" strategy (https://www.lidl.de/de/asset/other/Positionspapier_Entwaldung_210224_02.pdf)

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. We did a soy-footprint calculation for 13 western countries: Germany (DE), Austria (AT), Switzerland (CH), France (FR), Spain (ES), Italy (IT), Belgium (BE), UK, Ireland (IE), Netherlands (NL), Denmark (DK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE)

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

→ Yes, with help of an external party we calculated our soy footprint for several Lidl countries (see question above). Some of the data is direct and some of them is indirect (calculated) use of soy in our supply chain.

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

→ indirect soy footprint for (our chosen 13 countries) DE, AT, CH, FR, ES, IT, BE, UK, NL, DK, FI, SE, IE: 735.613 t

Other relevant information on this topic

→ We're aiming for more sustainable soy production. That's why Lidl Stiftung initiated the "Lidl Soy-Initiative" and bought soy credits with RTRS for several countries: FR, ES, IT, BE, UK, NL, FI, SE, IE, DK. Soy Credits were purchased in Direct Trade.

OPERATIONS RELATED TO RTRS SOY¹

RTRS Certified Soy uptake/used in 2020	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
			240.000 (Direct Trade)

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

→ credits are being bought 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 uptake 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 uptakes?

(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, Spain, Ireland by end of 2022

What milestones has your organization defined for its responsible soy use?

Please state annual targets/strategies, including its 2021 target if applicable.

→ In 2017 Lidl Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland and Denmark bought RTRS Direct Trade credits for eggs, meat, poultry and dairy products. In the direct Trade mechanism three farms are carefully chosen which

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



are directly supported with the purchase of RTRS credits. In 2018 Lidl UK and France and 2020 Lidl Spain, Ireland and Italy were included in this programme and the volume increased.

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

(tonnes)	2019			2020			2021		
	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
Direct use			224.000			240.000			
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?

→ Information is provided 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.



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



Did your organization participate in RTRS working groups or courses?

If so, please specify.



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OTHER COMMENTS

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