



# Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc

## CONSTITUENCY INDUSTRY, TRADE AND FINANCE

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

We are food retailers and fresh food manufacturers. We buy products that contain soy, we buy and process livestock, and we retail processed food products containing meat and embedded soy.

Please state in which regions the organization operates

We are a UK based business with 19 manufacturing sites, 9 distribution centres and 492 stores.

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

This report is submitted on behalf of the entire organisation.

What is the organization's policy on soy  
please provide link if available

<https://www.morrisons-corporate.com/cr/policy/soy/>

## OPERATIONS RELATED TO SOY

What is your organization's annual soy footprint?

Please state direct use and indirect, in tonnes

Our total soy footprint is calculated around 195,006 tonnes for 2020.



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

Yes, we have an annual process for collating and calculating our soy footprint. Delivery of this is supported by a specialist third party to help with aggregation and assurance of submitted information.

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)

Our direct use of soy is significantly more limited than our indirect use. 2020 is the first year we have attempted to collate data on direct use, this is estimated at 167 tonnes across use of lecithins and soy based ingredients. It is likely our direct footprint is actually higher than this and we will work to increase coverage of the dataset in coming years.

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

Our footprint for embedded soy is calculated around 194,838 tonnes for 2020.

Other relevant information on this topic

Our greatest exposure to soy is soy used in animal feeds and subsequently embedded in the animal proteins in our food products. We have a phased plan for assurance of zero deforestation in our soy supply chains by 2025 which can be found as part of our public policy - <https://www.morrisons-corporate.com/cr/policy/soy/>

## OPERATIONS RELATED TO RTRS SOY<sup>1</sup>

	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
RTRS Certified Soy uptake/used in 2020	0 tonnes (claimed with supporting evidence) 13 tonnes (claimed without supporting evidence)	313 tonnes (claimed with supporting evidence) 110 tonnes (claimed without supporting evidence)	12,733 tonnes (claimed with supporting evidence) 120 tonnes (claimed without supporting evidence)

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

The above RTRS volumes have been claimed and purchased by processors within our supply chain.

What type of products do you use RTRS soy for?

(Specify supply chain options), direct and indirect.

RTRS soy is primarily used to certify soy meals within animal feeds in our supply chains.

Did your organization make any public claims related to the production, trade and uptake of RTRS soy?

Please provide link.

We publicly support use of RTRS soy as a credible standard helping assure zero deforestation and communicate this as part of technical policy.

Other relevant information on this topic

## TIME BOUND PLAN FOR RESPONSIBLE SOY

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



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

We have supported use of RTRS soy for many years. From 2021 we have begun requiring third party certification for soy used in animal feeds for certain fresh proteins. We will accept a limited number of certification standards that align with our overarching zero deforestation commitment and can demonstrate soy is not from areas which have been deforested or converted.

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

Our intention is not to limit the scope of soy certification to RTRS for all of our suppliers. We support the use and adoption of RTRS as one system for demonstrating that soy is produced in a sustainable manner.

What milestones has your organization defined for its responsible soy use?  
Please state annual targets/strategies, including its 2021 target if applicable.

The following milestone form part of a time bound plan for achieving products free from deforestation or land conversion by 2025.

- From January 2021 – Certified physical supply chains and/or credits for soy as an ingredient in our own brand products
- From January 2021 – Certified physical supply chains and/or credits for soy used in animal feed for fresh fish & poultry
- From January 2022 – Certified physical supply chains and/or credits for soy used in animal feed for shell eggs
- From January 2023 – Certified physical supply chains and/or credits for soy used in animal feed for fresh pork
- From December 2024 – Credit purchases will no longer be approved for use

Other relevant information on this topic

In 2018, we became signatories to the Cerrado Manifesto Statement of Support - committing to support efforts to halt forest loss associated with agricultural commodity production and to working with industry, producers, governments and civil society to protect globally important natural landscapes within a framework of good governance and land planning policy.

We are working with our own brand suppliers to help them to overcome the challenges associated with soy supply chains and are engaged with The UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soy - a collaboration between the UK Government and industry which helps to address supply chain challenges and supports a commitment to source soya that is legal and cultivated in a way that protects against conversion of forests and valuable native vegetation.

## MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION

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

We publish information related to our RTRS membership and support on our website. We also refer to the RTRS as part of our engagement and ongoing dialogue with industry stakeholders as we participate in the Cerrado Manifesto signatories to the Statement of Support working group, and as part of the UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soy.

How did your organization support or promote RTRS?  
E.g. what internal and external activities were organized?

Routine reporting, publication on our corporate website, participation in industry working groups and supplier engagement.

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

If so, please specify.



As part of supply chain engagement we encourage suppliers to support adoption of relevant certification standards and in turn membership of relevant organisations.

Other relevant information on this topic

## OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

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

If so, please specify.

**Not currently.**

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

**Morrisons contribute membership funding to the RTRS and support other industry working groups in kind, through participation.**

Did your organization participate in RTRS working groups or courses?

If so, please specify.

**Morrisons participated in RTRS visits to soy plantations and growers in south America in early 2020 as part of their commitment to better understanding production and developing an approach to support the delivery of sustainable supply chains.**

Other relevant information on this topic

## OTHER COMMENTS