



ALDI SOUTH Group (HOFER KG)

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:

→ Retailer

Please state in which regions the organization operates

→ Europe, US, Australia

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

→ Europe

What is the organization's policy on soy?

please provide link if available

→ ALDI UK aims for all soy used as animal feed for the production of Aldi's own-brand fresh primary meat, poultry, dairy, eggs and farmed salmon and shrimp to be sourced from physically sustainable sources by the end of 2025. In addition, ALDI UK is signatory of the UK soy manifesto.

ALDI SOUTH Germany aims to use only sustainable soy feed in animal products by the end of 2025 with at least 50% from physical supply chains, either certified according to deforestation-free standards or from deforestation-free origins.

OPERATIONS RELATED TO SOY

What is your organization's annual soy footprint?

Please state direct use and indirect, in tonnes

→ 627,641 tonnes (direct + indirect)*

*Verification of volumes still ongoing in some cases; final figures of the footprint of the ALDI SOUTH Group might therefore deviate slightly.

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

→ Yes (direct and indirect)

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)

→ 3,297 tonnes*

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

→ 624,344 tonnes*



Other relevant information on this topic

→ We are working with selected suppliers in our value chain to understand the origin and sustainability status of the soy meal used in feed to produce the livestock-based products and ingredients we sell in our stores. We have joined the Collective Soy Reporting (CSR) with other retailers to develop an approach that is standardised across our businesses to simplify this process, improve conversion factors and increase our understanding around the soy supply chain.

In addition, we are a [founding member of the Soy Transparency Coalition](#) (STC) in 2020.

ALDI SUISSE is a member of the Soy Network Switzerland. The soy is either sourced from within Switzerland or imported with a 99% share of the imported soy being responsibly produced according to various certification schemes, including RTRS non-GMO, ProTerra, Donau Soja/Europe Soya and ISCC Plus.

All shell eggs sold by HOFER in its Austria-based stores are from hens fed with Donau Soja-certified soy.

OPERATIONS RELATED TO RTRS SOY¹

	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
RTRS Certified Soy uptake/used in 2021	731*	6,882*	66,185*

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

→ Suppliers. A third party verifies the claims as part of the CSR.

What type of products do you use RTRS soy for?

(Specify supply chain options), direct and indirect.

→ All supply chain options are accepted for direct soy products and indirect for animal proteins such as poultry, pork, eggs, beef, dairy, and fish and seafood.

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

Please provide link.

→ n/a

Other relevant information on this topic

→ n/a

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)

→ ALDI UK started 2019 to support sustainable soy production for own-brand fresh chicken feed with Credits as minimum, followed by feed for own-brand fresh pork and shell eggs in 2021 and aims for all soy used as animal feed for

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



the production of Aldi's own-brand fresh primary meat, poultry, dairy, eggs and farmed salmon and shrimp to be sourced from physically sustainable sources by the end of 2025.

ALDI SOUTH Germany started in mid-2021 to require from suppliers to use sustainable soy for poultry, pork, beef and shell eggs with Credits as minimum and aims to use only sustainable soy feed in animal products by the end of 2025 with at least 50% of physical supply chain options.

Does your organization expect to use 100% RTRS soy?

If so, by when?

→ Our focus is deforestation-free soy. RTRS is counted among accepted standards.

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

Please state annual targets/strategies, including its 2022 target if applicable.

→ Due to the complexity of soy supply, we are working our way through the following roadmap:

1. Engage in sector wide initiatives (e.g. Retail Soy Group) to increase understanding.
2. Regularly calculate footprint.
3. Tackle bottleneck in soy supply chain via Soy Transparency Coalition (STC).
4. Evaluate engagement on the ground where added value may be created.

Concrete certification targets differ among the ALDI national corporate offices, depending on supply chains in individual countries. We follow an impact-based approach comprising three steps:

1. Start with major commodity groups.
2. Increase scope.
3. 100% certified material comprising physical supply.

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

(tonnes)	2020			2021			2022		
	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits	Segregated	Mass Balance	Credits
Direct use	1,051 t	872 t	-	2,315 t*	-	-			
Indirect use	50,126 t	67,192 t	65,014	30,826 t*	131,818 t *	67.655*			
TOTAL	51,177 t	68,064 t	65,014	33,141 t*	131,818 t *	67.655*			

Other relevant information on this topic

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MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION

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

→ On our [international CR website](#), we inform about our [RTRS membership](#) and our plans to enhancing the traceability in our supply chains, increase the number of products derived from sustainable sources and thus tackle deforestation linked to our supply chains.

→ ALDI UK informs about RTRS membership as part of their [soy policy](#)

How did your organization support or promote RTRS?

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



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

If so, please specify.

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Other relevant information on this topic

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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 relevant information on this topic

→ ALDI SOUTH Germany created a step-by-step guidance to support suppliers on how to purchase and claim credits on the RTRS online trading platform.

OTHER COMMENTS

→ The ALDI SOUTH Group strives to eliminate deforestation from our high priority supply chains by 31 December 2030. In May 2022, we will publish an International Position Statement comprising results of our deforestation risk assessment and commodity specific milestones. The statement will set out how we aim to eliminate deforestation from our high priority supply chains by 2030.