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## Background

Woolworths Group Limited is a signatory to the Consumer Goods Forum's Resolution of 2010 for achieving net-zero deforestation. As part of this commitment, Woolworths has pledged to ethically source high-impact commodities, including soy, in order to minimise the risk of deforestation and its impacts on both people and planet.

Woolworths is committed to sourcing soy in an environmentally and socially responsible manner that is:

- Net-Zero Deforestation,
- Legal, and
- Respects the human rights of all workers in its supply chain

This policy supports the Woolworths 2025 Sustainability Plan by outlining minimum sourcing standards for high risk/high volume Soy in Own Brand supply chains to ensure procurement from low risk sources by the end of 2025. Where this policy cannot be adhered to, an exemption will be required.

## Scope

This policy applies to Soy and its related derivatives used in Woolworths Supermarkets Australia and Woolworths New Zealand (trading as Countdown Supermarkets) (collectively "Woolworths")

In Scope	Out of Scope
- Core/Seasonal Own Brand Food, Formulated Non-Food and General Merchandise	- Vendor Brands

## Policy

### Woolworths Own Brand Products

By the end of 2025, high risk/high volume soy and its derivatives used in Woolworths Own Brand products will not contribute to deforestation and will be procured from independently certified sources such as:

- Round Table on Responsible Soy (RTRS)
- ISCC PLUS (ISCC 202) with voluntary add-ons 202-01 and 202-02.
- ProTerra

### Low Volume Suppliers

Suppliers of Woolworths Own Brand seasonal or core range products containing a total annual projected use of less than one metric tonne of soy must purchase certified sustainable ingredients according to the above prescribed certifications. Low volume suppliers are not required to supply independently certified products but must purchase independently-certified ingredients.

### High Volume Suppliers

Suppliers of Woolworths Woolworths Own Brand seasonal or core range products containing a total annual projected use of more than one metric tonne of soy must supply independently certified products according to the above-prescribed certifications.

## Definitions

**High Risk** - Sourced from a country/region/plantation with known issues surrounding deforestation, alternatively high risk can be determined where the area cannot be determined.

**High Volume Supplier** - Where the annual volume of soy in a supplier's own brand products amounts to over one metric tonne.

**Independently Certified Supplier:** Supplier that is certified against the Chain of Custody standards prescribed in this policy.

**Independently Certified Source:** Where in-scope commodity can be traced to a sustainable source certified against requirements of one of the prescribed schemes in this policy.

**International Carbon and Sustainability Certification (ISCC)** - promotes biomass, bio-energy and social sustainability among farmers and processors with the objective to respect climate and the environment. ISCC certification procedures are oriented towards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable use of land and the protection of natural habitats.

**Low Volume Supplier:** Where the annual volume of soy in a supplier's own brand products amounts to one metric tonne or less.

**Net-Zero Deforestation** - No net loss in forest area between two points in time, taking into account both losses from deforestation and gains from forest regeneration and restoration. Zero net deforestation would typically be assessed with reference to a given geographic area (e.g., a district, state, nation, or globe) and a given timeframe. (Accountability Framework Initiative, 2019)

**Own Brand** - should be read as including all own brands, category brands, and exclusive brand products where Woolworths Group Limited serves as the Brand owner. Only products defined as Level 5 according to the Product Risk Classification Matrix are in-scope of this policy.

**Proterra** - a not-for-profit organisation aiming to support food and feed industries in sourcing sustainably produced, non-genetically modified grains, cereals and derivatives and in particular, soy.

**Roundtable on Responsible Soy** - a non profit organisation promoting the growth of production, trade, and use of responsible soy. It works through cooperation with those in, and related to the soy value chain, from production to consumption, to facilitate a dialogue and develop solutions to address issues in the sector in a way that is economically viable, socially equitable and environmentally sound.

**Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS) Credit** - A Book and Claim mechanism akin to offsetting whereby the purchase of RTRS credits may be used to support the production of sustainable soy. 1 RTRS credit is equivalent to 1 ton of RTRS-certified soy. The purpose is to increase the volume of certified soy in the market

**Soy** - a species of legume native to East Asia, widely grown for its edible bean. Used widely for the production of soy milk, tofu, soy sauce, tempeh, textured vegetable protein, and animal feed.