

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### Organisation Name

Vereniging voor de Bakkerij- en Zoetwarenindustrie (VBZ)

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#### Corporate Website Address

<http://www.vbz.nl>

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#### Primary Activity or Product

- Affiliate Member
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#### Related Company(ies)

No

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### Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
8-0132-12-000-00	Affiliate	Organisations

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## Affiliates Members

### Operational Profile

#### 1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

VBZ is the Association of the Dutch Bakery and Confectionery industry. With our services VBZ aspires to create a sustainable and optimal climate for her members (ca. 110 members). VBZ is the spokesman for the Dutch bakery and confectionery industry. We maintain relationships with the Dutch Government, NGO's, the association of the Dutch Food Industry (FNLI), the European association of the confectionery and bakery industry (Caobisco), the association of the Dutch retail organizations (CBL) and labour organizations. Actual examples includes social issues as child labour in the cacao industry, working conditions and the collective labour agreement for the confectionery industry. Other relevant issues are food quality and health & nutrition. Furthermore, VBZ offers many tools to her members. With risk reducing checklists, for example VBZ provides a tool to create a safe working environment and an optimal assurance package, other tools include a toolkit for sustainability (Barometer Certification Scheme for a sustainable bakery and confectionery industry), a toolkit for human resources, logistic efficiency, World Class Manufacturing and health aspects of cacao and chocolate. On the website of VBZ members can freely download all the (actual) information VBZ provides for them. Finally, schooling programs which are made in agreement with the unions and are obliged, are available for a better performance of employers. CSR issues are investigated in different raw materials.

#### 1.2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Promoting sustainable palm oil via VBZ member events, VBZ newsletter, direct contact with members and the VBZ sustainability toolkit ((Barometer Certification Scheme for a sustainable bakery and confectionery industry: [http://www.milieukeur.nl/Public/Barometer\\_Duurzame\\_Bakkerij\\_en\\_Zoet\\_waren\\_Schema/BDBZOverzichtmaatregelen.pdf](http://www.milieukeur.nl/Public/Barometer_Duurzame_Bakkerij_en_Zoet_waren_Schema/BDBZOverzichtmaatregelen.pdf)). Participating in the Dutch Taskforce Sustainable Palmoil, since 2016 the Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil (DASPO): [www.taskforceduurzamepalmolie.nl](http://www.taskforceduurzamepalmolie.nl) Click here to visit the URL. Contact with suppliers and customers organisations and promoting sustainable palm oil. Special attention for Group certification for companies that use less than 500 MT palm oil.

#### 1.3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

##### If yes, please give details:

See previous question.

##### If not, please explain why:

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#### 1.4. Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

No

#### 1.5. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

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#### 1.6. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Financing from own resources

### Actions for Next Reporting Period

#### 2.1. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Active participation in the Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil (DASPO). Maintaining and reinforcing close cooperation with suppliers, retailers and customers organisations. Keeping close contact with our members and promote them to achieve 100% sustainable palm oil and helping them to solve problems that can obstruct this goal.

## Challenges

**1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?**

It's much more difficult to achieve certified sustainable palm oil for compound ingredients that are available in very small amounts in products. It's important that the market asks for sustainable palm oil and that the option for sustainability (book&claim, mass balance, segregated) is available in the market. It's therefore important to have more and more parties engaged in the RSPO. We keep close contact with the parties that are important to achieve our sector goal.

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**2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?**

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**Cost Effective:**

Yes

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**Robust:**

Yes

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**Simpler to Comply to:**

Yes

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**3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)**

Most important is the business to business education. See previous questions.

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**4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)**

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