

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Signature Brands, LLC

1.2 Membership Number

4-1157-19-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Consumer Goods Manufacturers

1.4 Membership Category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

United States

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

Yes

2.1 Please select ALL the palm oil-related activity(ies) that describe your company or organisation as multiple selections are allowed. ACOP reporting is NOT limited to the primary sector of the member's RSPO membership. You will be required to complete the relevant ACOP section based on your selection(s).

- ☐ I own and operate oil palm estate(s)
- ☐ I represent a palm oil Independent Smallholder farmer Group
- ☐ I own and operate palm oil mills
- ☐ I own and operate palm kernel crushing plants - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I trade or broker palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I am a refiner of palm oil or palm kernel oil - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I am a processor of intermediate (B2B) palm oil, palm kernel oil or related fractions/derivatives - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- ☒ I manufacture final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- ☐ I retail final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- ☐ I operate food retail outlets that use palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- ☐ I am a conservation and environmental NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- ☐ I am a social and human development NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry

Consumer Goods Manufacturers

1. Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your company's main activity within the palm oil supply chain.

- ☒ Food Good Manufacturer - own brand
- ☒ Food Good Manufacturer - third-party brand
- ☐ Home & Personal Care Good Manufacturer - own brand
- ☐ Home & Personal Care Good Manufacturer - third-party brand
- ☐ Ingredient Manufacturers
- ☐ Biofuels
- ☐ Other

Other

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2. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption

Information in Section 2.0 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data on palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products consumed, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate uptake of individual members, sectors and RSPO members as a whole. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted. Incomplete ACOP reports may lead to suspension or termination of RSPO membership.

2.1 Please list down all operations and subsidiaries using palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products that are owned and/or managed by the member, including those under Group Membership

Fully Owned (100%).

Signature Brands Dessert Decorations 808 SW 12th St. Ocala, FL 34471.

Signature Brands Popcorn Facility 1900 SW 38th Ave, Ocala FL 34474.

Brand Castle Bakery 5111 Richmond Rd, Bedford Heights, OH 44146

2.1.1 In which markets does your company sell goods with palm oil and oil palm products?

North America

DL.2.0 In order to facilitate ease of reporting and transparency, RSPO members operating within the palm oil demand supply chain can now choose to report palm oil and palm oil product volumes on:

by up to 5 individual subsidiaries. Members with more than 5 subsidiaries will be required to aggregate the volumes of remaining subsidiaries into a separate total.

DL.2.1 Please state the number of subsidiaries you would like to declare separately (to a maximum of 5)

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S1_DL.2.1.1 Please state the name of this subsidiary

Signature Brands, Dessert Decorating (808 SW 12th Street, Ocala, FL 34471)

S1_DL.2.1.2 In which markets does this subsidiary operate?

North America

S1_DL.2.1.3 Please provide additional information of this subsidiary's operations

The production of decorative dessert toppings (sugars, sprinkles, icings, gels, etc).

S1_2.2 Total volume of RSPO-certified (IP, MB, SG and RSPO Credits/Book and Claim) and Non RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude palm oil (tonnes)	954.00
Total volume of crude palm kernel oil (tonnes)	169.30
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of crude palm oil/palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	0.01
Total	1123.30

S1_2.2.1 Please estimate the percentage of derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.2) derived from palm oil or from palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based derivatives.

Description	Percentage
Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	80
Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	20

S1_2.3 Please estimate the regional distribution of your company's uncertified and certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sales (as declared in Question 2.2) in the following countries/regions.

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0
North America	100
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

S1_2.4 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products in the year:

Description	Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)	Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)	Certified Derivatives and Fractions
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	954.00	169.30	0.00	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	954.00	169.30	0.00	0.00

S1_2.4.1 Please estimate the percentage of RSPO-certified derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.4) derived from RSPO-certified palm oil or from RSPO-certified palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based

Description	Percentage
Certified Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	0
Certified Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	0

S1_2.5 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.4, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:

100.00%

S1_2.5.1 Please provide additional information on your certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake. This may include your usage of RSPO Credits to cover gaps in certified uptake, changes due to business environment, variations due to stock positions or efforts to support independent smallholders beyond volume commitments.

100% Uptake target of primary palm ingredients was achieved, not necessary for usage of RSPO Credits for gap coverage.

S1_2.6 Please estimate the regional sales volume distribution of your company's RSPO certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products (as declared in Question 2.4) in the following countries/regions:

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0
North America	100
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

S2_DL.2.1.1 Please state the name of this subsidiary

Signature Brands Popcorn Facility (1900 SW 38th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474)

S2_DL.2.1.2 In which markets does this subsidiary operate?

North America

S2_DL.2.1.3 Please provide additional information of this subsidiary's operations

The production of flavored popcorns in decorative tins.

S2_2.2 Total volume of RSPO-certified (IP, MB, SG and RSPO Credits/Book and Claim) and Non RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude palm oil (tonnes)	324.37
Total volume of crude palm kernel oil (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of crude palm oil/palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	0.00
Total	324.37

S2_2.2.1 Please estimate the percentage of derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.2) derived from palm oil or from palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based derivatives.

Description	Percentage
Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	0
Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	0

S2_2.3 Please estimate the regional distribution of your company's uncertified and certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sales (as declared in Question 2.2) in the following countries/regions.

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0
North America	100
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

S2_2.4 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products in the year:

Description	Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)	Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)	Certified Derivatives and Fractions
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	324.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	324.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

S2_2.4.1 Please estimate the percentage of RSPO-certified derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.4) derived from RSPO-certified palm oil or from RSPO-certified palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based

Description	Percentage
Certified Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	0
Certified Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	0

S2_2.5 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.4, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:

100.00%

S2_2.5.1 Please provide additional information on your certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake. This may include your usage of RSPO Credits to cover gaps in certified uptake, changes due to business environment, variations due to stock positions or efforts to support independent smallholders beyond volume commitments.

Update target was met; The use of RSPO Credits to cover gaps was not necessary.

S2_2.6 Please estimate the regional sales volume distribution of your company's RSPO certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products (as declared in Question 2.4) in the following countries/regions:

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0
North America	100
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

S3_DL.2.1.1 Please state the name of this subsidiary

Brand Castle Bakery 5111 Richmond Road, Bedford Heights, 44146

S3_DL.2.1.2 In which markets does this subsidiary operate?

North America

S3_DL.2.1.3 Please provide additional information of this subsidiary's operations

The production of gingerbread cookies house and soft bite cookies.

S3_2.2 Total volume of RSPO-certified (IP, MB, SG and RSPO Credits/Book and Claim) and Non RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude palm oil (tonnes)	153.86
Total volume of crude palm kernel oil (tonnes)	3.63
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of crude palm oil/palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	0.00
Total	157.49

S3_2.2.1 Please estimate the percentage of derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.2) derived from palm oil or from palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based derivatives.

Description	Percentage
Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	0
Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	0

S3_2.3 Please estimate the regional distribution of your company's uncertified and certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sales (as declared in Question 2.2) in the following countries/regions.

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0
North America	100
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

S3_2.4 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products in the year:

Description	Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)	Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)	Certified Derivatives and Fractions
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	139.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	157.35	0.00	0.00	0.00

S3_2.4.1 Please estimate the percentage of RSPO-certified derivatives and fractions (reported in Question CG.2.4) derived from RSPO-certified palm oil or from RSPO-certified palm kernel oil. The default split for volumes is assumed to be 80% palm oil-based derivatives and 20% palm kernel oil-based

Description	Percentage
Certified Palm oil-based derivatives and fractions	0
Certified Palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions	0

S3_2.5 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.4, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:

99.91%

S3_2.5.1 Please provide additional information on your certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake. This may include your usage of RSPO Credits to cover gaps in certified uptake, changes due to business environment, variations due to stock positions or efforts to support independent smallholders beyond volume commitments.

In 2024 Brand Castle greatly increased its usage of RSPO MB certified physical products, while utilizing opportunities in gap cover to support independent smallholders through purchase of IS CPO for marginal gap coverage.

S3_2.6 Please estimate the regional sales volume distribution of your company's RSPO certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products (as declared in Question 2.4) in the following countries/regions:

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Europe	0
North America	100
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
China	0
India	0
Latin America	0
Africa	0
Rest of World	0

Aggregated_2.2 Total volume of RSPO-certified (IP, MB, SG and RSPO Credits/Book and Claim) and Non RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products

Description	Tonnes
Total volume of crude palm oil (tonnes)	1432.23
Total volume of crude palm kernel oil (tonnes)	172.93
Total volume of palm kernel expeller (tonnes)	0.00
Total volume of crude palm oil/palm kernel oil-based derivatives and fractions (tonnes)	0.01
Total	1605.16

Aggregated_2.4 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products purchased for use in your company's own-brand and third-party brand products in the year:

Description	Crude/Refined Palm Oil (CSPO)	Crude/Refined Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO)	Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE)	Certified Derivatives and Fractions
RSPO Credits from Mill / Crusher	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSPO Credits from Independent Smallholder	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	1417.72	169.30	0.00	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1435.72	169.30	0.00	0.00

Aggregated_2.5 According to the volume information you have provided in Question 2.2 and Question 2.4, your company's certified palm oil and palm oil products uptake is:

99.99%

3. TimeBound Plan**3.1 Which year did your company achieve (or expects to achieve) the RSPO supply chain certification?**

2017

3.2 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products in own-brand products

2016

3.2.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.

Target has been met. Signature Brands originally joined RSPO as an Ordinary Member on March 15, 2017. After a change of ownership, Signature Brands re-applied under new ownership and was re-granted membership as of May 29, 2019. As of June 2017, all purchased palm oil for use in Cake Decorating products has been Mass Balance certified ingredients, with a small amount of coverage during 2022 by RSPO credits with a return to 100% certified ingredients in 2023. All Popcorn products have been made with only certified palm products since July 2016. Non-certified palm has never been used for Popcorn products. In 2023 our Bakery location (Brand Castle) underwent its first RSPO certified audit with coverage during the 2023 year with RSPO credits with a commitment and implementation of Signature Brand's 100% commitment to source certified materials for 2024. 2024 saw a return to normal, with all targets met per Signature Brand's commitment to sourcing of primary palm ingredients sustainably.

3.3 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using only RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from any supply chain option in own-brand products.

2016

3.3.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.

Target has been met. Signature Brands originally joined RSPO as an Ordinary Member on March 15, 2017. After a change of ownership, Signature Brands re-applied under new ownership and was re-granted membership as of May 29, 2019. As of June 2017, all purchased palm oil for use in Cake Decorating products has been Mass Balance certified ingredients, with a small amount of coverage during 2022 by RSPO credits with a return to 100% certified ingredients in 2023. All Popcorn products have been made with only certified palm products since July 2016. Non-certified palm has never been used for Popcorn products. In 2023 our Bakery location (Brand Castle) underwent its first RSPO certified audit with coverage during the 2023 year with RSPO credits with a commitment and implementation of Signature Brand's 100% commitment to source certified materials for 2024. 2024 saw a return to normal, with all targets met per Signature Brand's commitment to sourcing of primary palm ingredients sustainably.

3.4 Which year did your company begin (or expects to begin) using only RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products from physical supply chain options (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) in own-brand products.

2016

3.4.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.

Target has been met. Signature Brands originally joined RSPO as an Ordinary Member on March 15, 2017. After a change of ownership, Signature Brands re-applied under new ownership and was re-granted membership as of May 29, 2019. As of June 2017, all purchased palm oil for use in Cake Decorating products has been Mass Balance certified ingredients, with a small amount of coverage during 2022 by RSPO credits with a return to 100% certified ingredients in 2023. All Popcorn products have been made with only certified palm products since July 2016. Non-certified palm has never been used for Popcorn products. In 2023 our Bakery location (Brand Castle) underwent its first RSPO certified audit with coverage during the 2023 year with RSPO credits with a commitment and implementation of Signature Brand's 100% commitment to source certified materials for 2024. 2024 saw a return to normal, with all targets met per Signature Brand's commitment to sourcing of primary palm ingredients sustainably.

4. Trademark Use

4.1 Does your company use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark in own-brand products?

No

4.3 Please explain why your company does not plan to use the RSPO Trademark in own-brand products

- ☐ Challenging reputation of palm oil
- ☐ Confusion among end-consumers
- ☐ Costs of changing labels
- ☐ Difficulty of applying for RSPO Trademark
- ☒ Lack of customer demand
- ☒ Limited label space
- ☒ Low consumer awareness
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☐ Risk of supply disruption
- ☐ Others

Others

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5. Actions for Next Reporting Period

5.1 Please outline activities that your company will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

- ☐ Participation in RSPO Working Group or Task Forces
- ☒ Support Independent Smallholders (ISH)
- ☐ Contribute to the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy
- ☐ Financial contribution to the RSPO Smallholder Support Fund
- ☐ Direct investments in Smallholder Certification projects
- ☐ Involvement/direct investments in Jurisdictional/Landscape approach
- ☐ Direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- ☐ Financial contribution to support members with Remediation and Compensation (RaCP) process, direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- ☐ Allocating FTE to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable oil palm products
- ☒ Specific policies and action plans by the member to promote CSPO production or consumption in the upstream or downstream supply chain, including target dates or broader policies that include such efforts
- ☐ No activities planned
- ☐ Others

Other

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Challenges and Support

1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- ☐ Awareness of RSPO in the market
- ☒ Difficulties in the certification process
- ☐ Certification of smallholders
- ☐ Competition with non-RSPO members
- ☒ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☐ Human rights issues
- ☐ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☒ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☐ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☐ Supply issues
- ☐ Traceability issues
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☐ Others

Others

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1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- ☐ Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
- ☒ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☐ Engagement with government agencies
- ☒ Engagement with peers and clients
- ☐ Promotion of CSPO through off product claims
- ☐ Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- ☐ Promotion of physical CSPO
- ☐ Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- ☐ Research & Development support
- ☒ Stakeholder engagement
- ☐ No actions taken
- ☐ Others

Others

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1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

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