

# Factsheet on Shared Responsibility Requirements



## SHARED RESPONSIBILITY: THE BASICS

### What is Shared Responsibility?

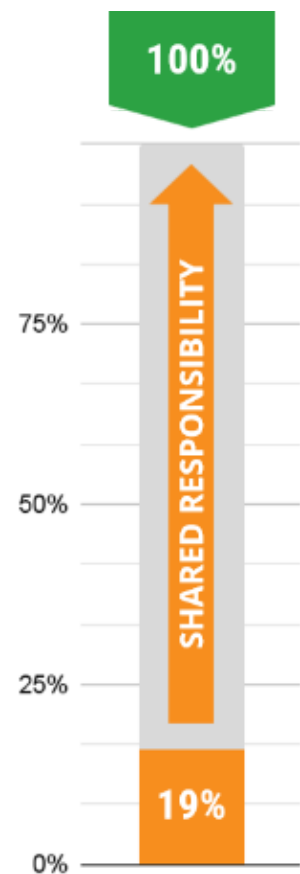
Shared Responsibility is the set of responsibilities adopted by RSPO members to achieve RSPO's vision *"to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm"*.

The process for change at RSPO is characterised by a progression of "Mobilise, Act and Transform". This is the backbone of the RSPO **Theory of Change (ToC)** and is underpinned by the concept of **Shared Responsibility (SR)** and **accountability** for results.

### Why is Shared Responsibility needed?

Environmental and social issues throughout the palm oil supply chain are systemic issues which cannot be resolved by one stakeholder in the value chain. It requires **collaboration** and **commitment** from all stakeholders.

RSPO certified supply remains at approximately 19% of global volumes. **Stimulating demand** and increasing the production of sustainable palm oil to make it the norm requires every member of RSPO, including supply chain actors, investors and NGOs to play a role.



## Who does it apply to?

Shared Responsibility requirements are applicable to all Ordinary, non-grower members from the following membership categories:



Ordinary members from these categories whose operations only involve trading or distributing RSPO products without processing or transforming it are exempt from the SR requirements.

## SHARED RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: AN OVERVIEW

There are 29 requirements covering different thematic areas and a summary of the requirements can be found below.

TRANSPARENCY AND LEGALITY	SOCIAL	ENVIRONMENTAL	UPTAKE & RESOURCING
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publicly available and transparent information</li> <li>2. Commitment to ethical conduct</li> <li>3&amp;4. Legal compliance (also third party contractors)</li> <li>5&amp;6. Sustainability performance monitoring and SR reporting</li> <li>7. Claims and labels</li> <li>8. Information and outreach activities to promote sustainable palm oil.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Human rights policy</li> <li>10. Grievance mechanism</li> <li>11&amp;12. Land use and FPIC</li> <li>13&amp;14. Smallholder inclusion</li> <li>15-20. Labour rights policy, including: no discrimination, pay and working conditions, freedom of association, no child labour, no harassment, and no forced or trafficked labour</li> <li>21. Occupational health and safety.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22-24. Waste, water and energy management plan</li> <li>25. GHG emissions policy and monitoring plan.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26. Volumes: annual uptake targets</li> <li>27. Sustainable palm oil policy</li> <li>28-29. Support and resourcing.</li> </ol>

Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)  
Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

## Uptake Targets

In order to drive uptake and transform markets, the volume requirements for supply chain actors include Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) and Certified Sustainable Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO) percentage point uptake targets year on year. The uptake targets are set annually and are applicable at the group level. The targets can be reached by buying physical certified products (Identity Preserved (IP), Segregated (SG), or Mass Balance (MB)) or RSPO Credits when there is limited availability of physical certified products. The uptake targets for Year 3 (2022) can be found below.

	Processors & Traders		CGMs & Retailers	
	CSPO	CSPKO	CSPO	CSPKO
Year 3 (2022)	2%	NA	12%	NA

## What is my responsibility as a non-grower member?

**DEVELOP** - If you are a downstream RSPO member, develop policies and plans and upload evidence to show compliance with the Shared Responsibility requirements in MyRSPO.

**ASK** - If you are a user of palm oil, ask your suppliers for RSPO certified materials. If unavailable, purchase RSPO Credits, preferably from Independent Smallholders, to cover the volumes.

**ENGAGE** - Encourage your peers, clients, suppliers and investors to become a member of the RSPO and adopt sustainable sourcing policies.

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