

## **RESPONSIBLE SOURCING POLICY - SOYA**

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The following policy details our approach to being a responsible partner and manufacturer when it comes to soya processing and supply chain management.

#### 1.0 Policy Overview:

As a key supply partner to the UK bakery and food industry, AB Mauri takes a considered and measured approach to its ongoing food safety, quality, and environmental responsibilities.

We are aware that the nature of our business requires us to source materials and ingredients from multiple territories and with this, be robust and diligent with a deep understanding of our supply chain in this manner. The code of conduct which our business has, lines up to the stance our parent company, Associated British Foods, takes on environmental and social governance, which is detailed as follows:

https://www.abf.co.uk/content/dam/abf/corporate/Documents/Responsibility/reports/ESG-Insights-Responsible-Sourcing.pdf.downloadasset.pdf

### 2.0 Policy Scope:

- 2.1. This policy applies to all purchases of "ingredients" that contain soy as a declared component.
- 2.2. Direct purchases of soy components and products such as soy, oil and protein
- 2.3. Indirect purchases of soy or soy components as an ingredient in purchased goods such as soy lecithin in certain raw materials.
- 2.4. This excludes "additives" and "processing aids" made with soy.

### 3.0 Key Principles:

- 3.1. AB Mauri currently only sources non-genetically modified and fully traceable soya. Accordingly, we are firm in our commitment for:
  - 3.1.1.These definitions are not new, instead building on the consensus achieved through the Accountability Framework and consistent FEFAC soy sourcing guidelines, Retail Soy Group and Consumer Goods Forum Forest Positive Coalition (CGF FPC)
  - 3.1.2. Deforestation and conversion-free commitment with a cut-off date of January 2020 or earlier; in full alignment with the Accountability Framework Initiative; which is linked as follows: https://accountability-framework.org/about/about-the-accountability-framework/
  - 3.1.3. Asking direct suppliers to adopt and cascade the same commitment
  - 3.1.4. Integrating UK Soy Manifesto commitments within direct supplier commercial contractual requirements, and support compliance







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- 3.1.5. Encouraging harmonised monitoring, verification, and reporting.
- 3.2. AB Mauri will continuously evaluate the feasibility of European and UK based soya sources that align with the above primary principle
- 3.3. With Canada as the source, all soy requirements for AB Mauri are considered to originate from a low-risk region
- 3.4. This is verified through both an identity preserved supply chain, and SAI/RTRS mass balance sustainability focussed certification
- 3.5. Responsibly sourced soya schemes: AB Mauri will continue to evaluate accreditation frameworks which best align to the requirements of the business

#### 4.0 UK Soy Manifesto:

We fully appreciate and respect the challenges related to sustainability and as a business, AB Mauri UK & Ireland is committed to the responsible sourcing of soya. With this in mind, we have recently become signatories of the UK Soy Manifesto.

The UK Soy Manifesto plays a key role in working with UK food manufacturers and supply partners to ensure that all physical UK destined soy shipments are deforestation and conversion free, with full implementation immediately where possible, with a full deadline of 2025. Their objectives align with ours.

AB Mauri is pleased to support this commitment, which not only aligns to our ESG framework "Our World, Our Responsibility", but also our long-standing history of non-genetically modified and fully traceable soya for our UK manufacturing operations. We are committed to requesting our direct supply base complies with this policy, and the principles within the UK Soy Manifesto.

## 5.0 Ongoing Governance:

In collaboration with both our supply chain and food safety & quality teams, the AB Mauri executive leadership team will review both this agreement and the key principles within, in connection with our business performance against them on an annualised basis.







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# 6.0 Signatories:

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF [AB Mauri UK & Ireland trading under Cereform Limited (company number 00346958)]

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