

# Promoting the Production and Use of Sustainable Palm Oil

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**Plenary Session 3:**

# An Update on the Supply Chain Models & Current Reviews

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# RSPO Principle Objective

The principal objective of RSPO is “to promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil through cooperation within the supply chain and open dialogue between its stakeholders”.

# RSPO memberships

Members of RSPO and participants in its activities come from many different backgrounds, particularly plantation companies, manufacturers and retailers of oil palm products, environmental and social NGOs and from many countries that produce or use oil palm products

# Standards (P&C)

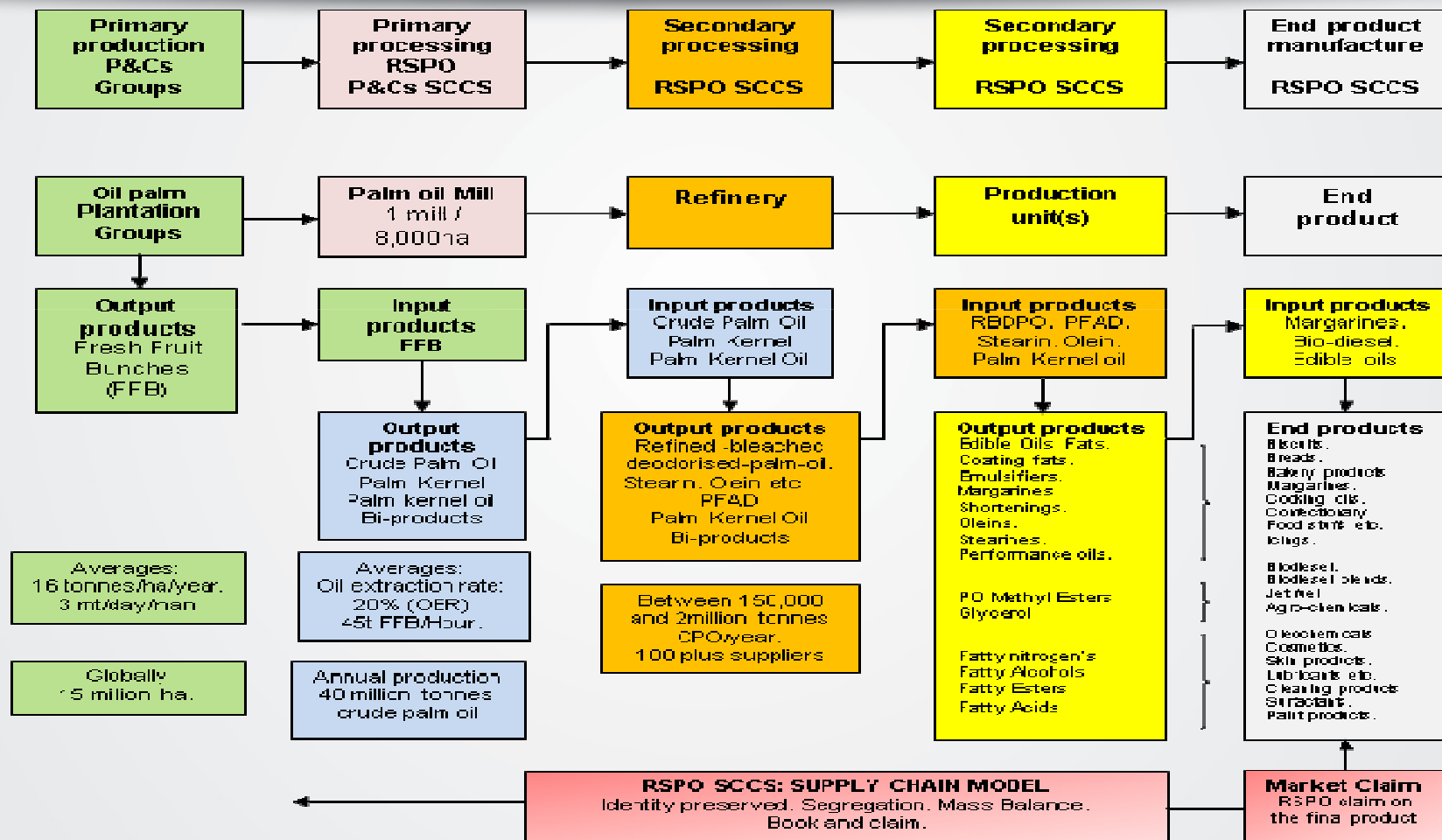
The methods used by the RSPO to deliver its objective include:

- The development of a standard for certification of sustainable oil palm production and associated mechanisms for verification of responsible oil palm production.
- The RSPO P&C (2007) is designed to be used by oil palm producers to implement sustainable production practices, and by certification bodies for field verification and certification of growers.

# Standards (SCCS)

- RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard (2009) describes requirements related to the control of RSPO certified oil palm products along the supply chain, including flows of material and associated claims.
- This RSPO Supply Chain Standard is presented as a series of auditable requirements designed to be used by organisations in the palm supply chain to demonstrate implemented systems for control of RSPO certified oil palm products.

# Process Flow



# Need for Revision

- These standards plus other documents in RSPO were developed to meet certain requirement or provide clarity on specific issues understood at that time.
- As new knowledge emerged certain documents / rules of the game need to be changed or updated



# SCCS Revision

The RSPO Supply Chain Certification Systems (SCCS), dated November 2009, require substantial revision in order to transform the current document into a coherent normative standard for supply chain certification and to incorporate the range of amendments that have been made to supply chain certification requirements since the document was issued.

# Justification for Revision

- When SCCS (2009) was approved, a clause was stated in the document that it will be reviewed after one year.
- The document contain some obsolete sections (for example the 'self-assessment of companies')
- Lessons learnt through the practical implementation provide new knowledge
- Need to incorporate other relevant decisions made and issued to the industry thereafter

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# Revision Process

The revision is done through

- documentation checks,
- discussion with relevant stakeholders
- consultation with workgroup selected from T&T SC members.

# Aim of the revision

The revised document aimed at:

- establishing the minimum requirements of a consistent methodology for enabling certification against the intent and requirements of the RSPO Supply Chain Standard to enable all certification bodies to operate in a consistent and controlled manner.
- providing documentation designed to assure long-term continuity and consistency of the delivery of certification against the requirements of the RSPO Supply Chain Standard.
- ensuring that claims of RSPO members relating to the production, procurement and use of RSPO certified oil palm products are true.

# Points for consideration

During this review a choice had to be made between a lengthy review process (in which more contentious points had to be further discussed) OR a rapid review now resulting in an improved version soon, but not taking along all points.

It was agreed to go for a rapid review. This means that the scope was limited to removing the dead wood, take along the input of RSPO SCCS WG 1 & 2 and further comments the team agreed on.

# Results of the revision

The results of the revision is two documents split up into:

- the Standard –containing the requirements for companies looking for certification and for the CB to verify compliance
- The Certification Systems containing requirements for CBs certifying against the Standard

# Important Changes

Important changes to the document includes:

- Improved readability through removal of dead wood
- The lifetime of certificates will now be 5 years with annual surveillance
- The rules for SCCS certification of mills have been greatly cleared up – through additions of separate modules for that
- Clarification on the rules for Multisite certification

# Moving Forward

The document will be submitted to EB for approval

- It will enter into force after EB approval
- RSPO will publish the approved document on its website
- RSPO will communicate to CBs and members
- RSPO will run a new CB training program to ensure consistent reading and interpretation



# Other points for considerations

Points that came up during discussions that clearly required further discussion, have been listed to be taken along in future revisions of the SCCS. This includes among others the following points:

- RSPO membership requirements for operators who want SCCS certification
- Options for doing MB across different facilities
- Discussion on what are Major and Minor requirements

# Thank You

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