



POSITION STATEMENT

SUBJECT **Boots Position on Palm Oil, Palm Kernel Oil and Derivatives**

STATEMENT

Boots are committed to reducing the environmental and social impacts caused by global deforestation. To help achieve this aim have developed specific, time bound and cost effective action plans for key commodities.

The expansion of large-scale palm oil plantations in various parts of the world can lead to deforestation and accelerate climate change through effects such as the degradation of peatlands and forest fires.

We set requirements to use raw materials that meet internationally recognised social, ethical and sustainability standards through our Product Sustainability Policy and Boots Code of Conduct for Ethical Trading.

We have targets for the use of Certified Sustainable Palm oil in our products and review these annually. We report progress via the Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), annual communication of progress and our CSR reports.

We work with the RSPO, European Retailers Palm Oil Group and stakeholder groups to develop supply chain certification for sustainable palm oil and derivatives and identify sustainable sources of palm oil based materials.

We take account of other sustainability criteria such as supply chain carbon footprints when evaluating raw material options, including alternatives to palm oil.

We continue to monitor the sustainability of other sources of vegetable oils such as soy and develop appropriate measures to ensure supplies are from sustainable sources.

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