

## The Warehouse Group Sourcing Policy on Products Containing Palm Oil

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The Warehouse Group commits to improve the sustainability of the products it sells by only sourcing and selling products that contain *sustainably sourced* palm oil.

Palm oil (and its derivatives) is a very versatile ingredient, common in a wide range of products in varying amounts. Some palm oil plantations have been linked to unsustainable practises such as deforestation, habitat degradation, animal deaths and indigenous rights abuses. Sustainably sourced palm oil is not linked with these unsustainable practises.

This policy applies to all products containing palm oil with a focus on:

- Foods
- Pet foods
- Household cleaning products
- Personal care products

Products containing palm oil are required to have a RSPO (Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil) certification for the palm oil ingredients.<sup>1</sup> This certification is currently the best available evidence of sustainably sourced palm oil.

If the presence of palm cannot be readily determined,<sup>2</sup> the supplier must disclose if the product contains palm oil and provide RSPO certification if present.

The policy commenced on 31 May 2016, with suppliers given three years to determine the presence of palm oil and source it sustainably.

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<sup>1</sup> Acceptable RSPO certificates are “Preserved Identity”, “Segregation” or “Mass Balance” certificates. Information on RSPO certification is available at <http://www.rspo.org/certification>.

<sup>2</sup> Palm oil and its derivatives are generally not explicitly listed as “palm oil” in product ingredient lists, creating a challenge in identifying palm oil in products.