



Palm Oil Policy

Costco Wholesale is committed to ensuring that the palm oil, palm kernel oil, palm kernel expeller, and derivatives and fractions (collectively referred to as “palm oil”) contained in our Kirkland Signature™ product(s) or component ingredients for Kirkland Signature™ product(s) (hereinafter “Products”) is responsibly sourced.

We require palm oil contained in Kirkland Signature products to be certified with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) as mass balanced, segregated, or identity preserved, with a preference for segregated and identity preserved supply chains¹.

We require all Kirkland Signature suppliers to trace their palm oil to the mill level by December 31, 2023, measure and report their palm oil use for Kirkland Signature products, annually and when requested.

Palm oil is required to be sourced directly or indirectly from companies that procure and/or produce palm oil in compliance with RSPO Principles & Criteria (or equivalent), including:

1. Protection of primary forests, High Conservation Value (HCV), and High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests.
2. No new development on peatlands and the use of Best Management Practices for existing plantations on peatlands.
3. Commitment to no-burn policies.
4. Commitment to traceable and transparent palm oil supply chains.
5. Respect for human rights, including the rights of indigenous people and local communities and their right to free, prior and informed consent, for community stakeholders impacted by expansion.
6. Support for the integration of smallholders into sustainable supply chains.
7. Compliance with [Costco's Supplier Code of Conduct](#) and applicable international, national and local laws and regulations.

We strongly encourage suppliers of branded products to use RSPO certified palm oil.

¹ We may allow the use of Palm Trace Credits in cases of extreme supply challenges and with prior approval from Costco.