



## Supporting / using RSPO certified sustainable palm oil

### RSPO Membership

There are three levels of RSPO membership available

- 1. Ordinary Member €2000 per year**  
**Ordinary Member (small grower) €500 per year**

This type of membership is open to organisations that have direct involvement in the palm oil supply chain, or associated NGOs (Non-government organisations). Oil Palm growers who possess less than 500ha of estate area/land is categorised in this type of membership. All Ordinary Members have voting rights in the RSPO General Assembly and are able to publicly state they are members of the RSPO.

- 2. Affiliate Member €250 per year**

This type of membership is limited to organisations and individuals, who are not directly /actively involved in the palm oil supply chain, where palm oil and palm oil products are not part of their business activities. These organisations and individuals are not involved in any of the seven stakeholder groups in Ordinary membership. Affiliate members do not have voting rights in the RSPO General Assembly. Affiliate members are able to claim they are Affiliate members of the RSPO.

- 3. Supply Chain Associate €100 per year**

This type of membership is reserved for organisations that are active in the supply chain of RSPO certified palm oil, and they do not purchase, use or trade more than 500 metric tonnes of palm oil and palm oil products in a year. Associate members do not have voting rights in the RSPO General Assembly. Associate members are able to claim they are Associate members of the RSPO.

Initial applications are committed for a two-year period (paid annually) after which time Membership is renewed on an annual basis.

### What does RSPO membership mean?

All new applicants must read and submit a signed copy of the RSPO code of conduct, [download here](#) . On submission your application will be reviewed by the RSPO, with input from stakeholders and onto final approval by the Executive Board. Only ordinary members are able to vote at the annual general assembly. Ordinary & Affiliate members are also required to submit an annual communication update on their progress towards 100% sustainable palm oil

(ACOP). Membership alone doesn't mean you can claim to use or support certified sustainable oil. If your supplier/s is a members it doesn't automatically mean they are providing you with oil from RSPO certified growers. In order to use or support RSPO certified sustainable palm oil you must use one of the approved supply chain options. As a starting point the majority of the supply chain options require you to be an RSPO member, but what are the options available to you as a company that uses palm / palm kernel or derived ingredients?

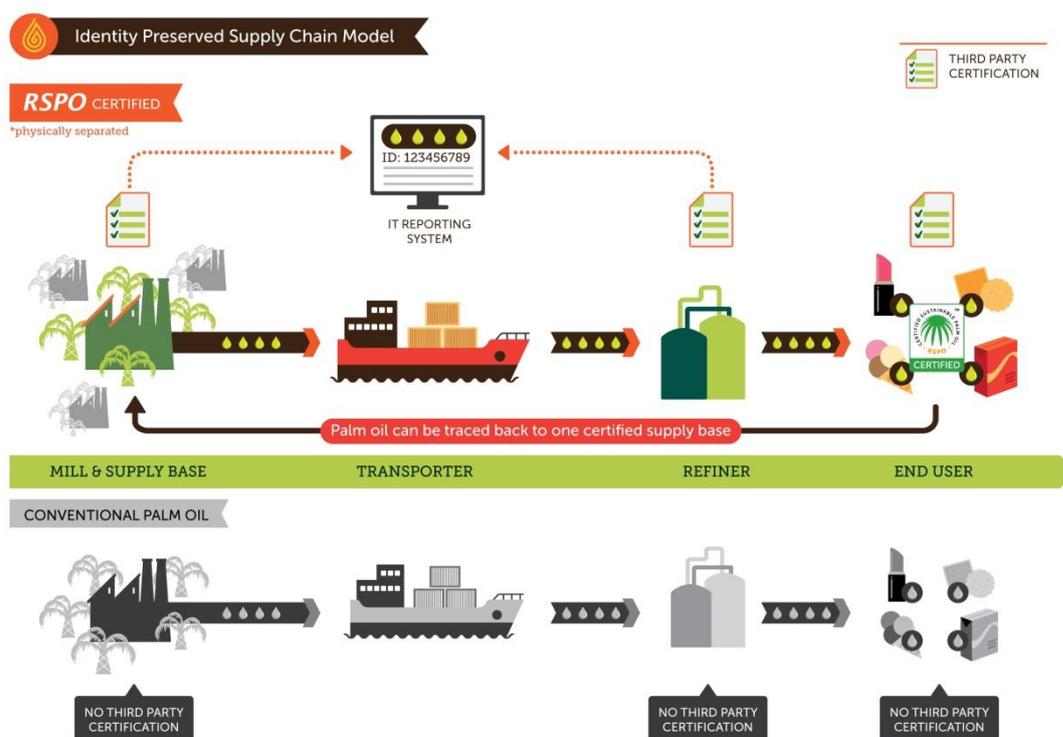
Before we take a look, if you are interested in joining the RSPO then you can learn more via the [RSPO's membership page](#),

## Using or Supporting RSPO certified palm / palm kernel oil

There are four available supply chain options to use or support sustainable palm oil, below we take a quick look at what they mean and what's required.

### 1. Identity Preserved

Certified sustainable oil is kept separate down the supply chain, traceable from a single plantation.



### What's required?

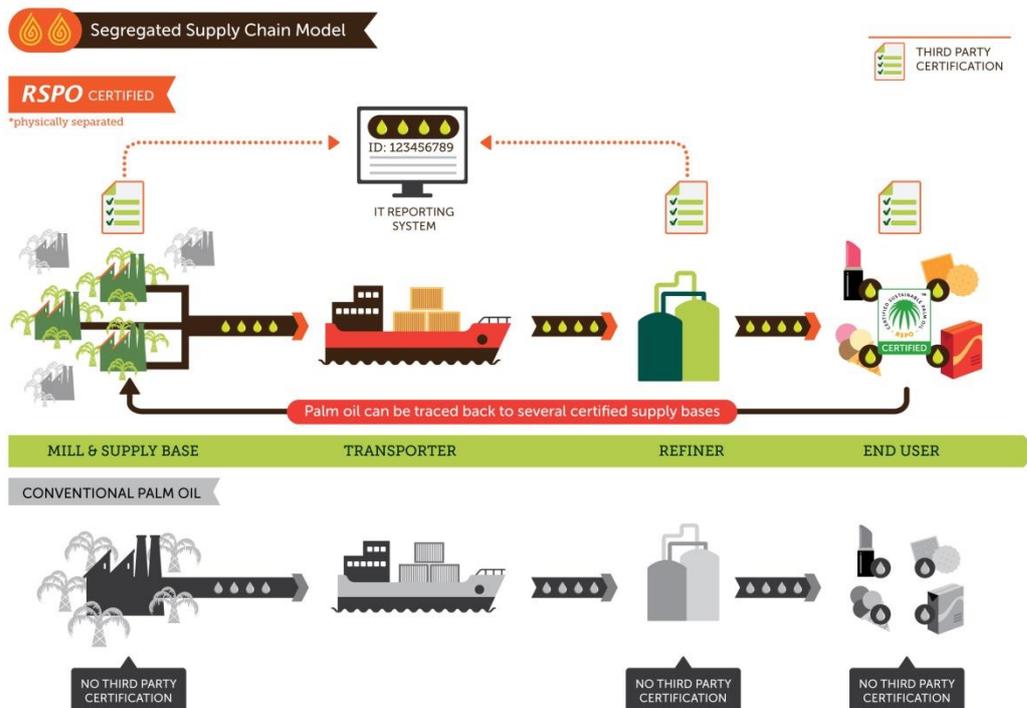
- Request RSPO Identity Preserved oil from your supplier.
- All companies in the supply chain must be members of the RSPO.
- All companies who change the nature of the product must submit to a site audit by an approved [RSPO certifying body](#), adhering to the requirements laid out in the [supply chain certification standard](#).
- If you are a distributor or traders then a licence is required, site audit not applicable. [Download licence application form](#) .
- You can then claim to use RSPO certified oil. For on product claims the RSPO certified trademark can be used once a trademark license has been acquired, ensuring the rules on RSPO

[communication & claims](#) are followed.

- Monitored by RSPO e-Trace up to first refinery level.

## 2. Segregated

Certified sustainable oil is kept separate down the supply chain. Mixing from multiple RSPO certified mills is allowed.

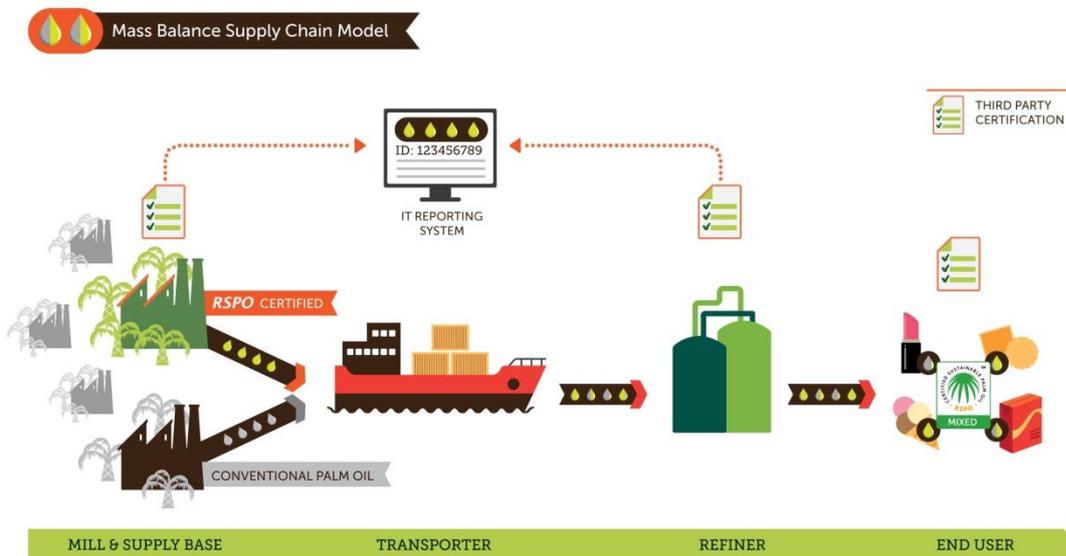


## What's required?

- Request RSPO Segregated oil from your supplier.
- All companies in the supply chain must be members of the RSPO.
- All companies who change the nature of the product must submit to a site audit by an approved [RSPO certifying body](#), adhering to the requirements laid out in the [supply chain certification standard](#).
- If you are a distributor or traders then a licence is required, site audit not applicable. [Download licence application form](#) .
- You can claim to use RSPO certified oil. For on product claims the RSPO certified trademark can be used once a trademark license has been acquired, ensuring the RSPO rules on [communication & claims](#) are followed.
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### 3. Mass Balance

Mixing of certified sustainable oil with conventional oil is allowed. This is an administrative option with a piece of paper moving down the physical supply chain.

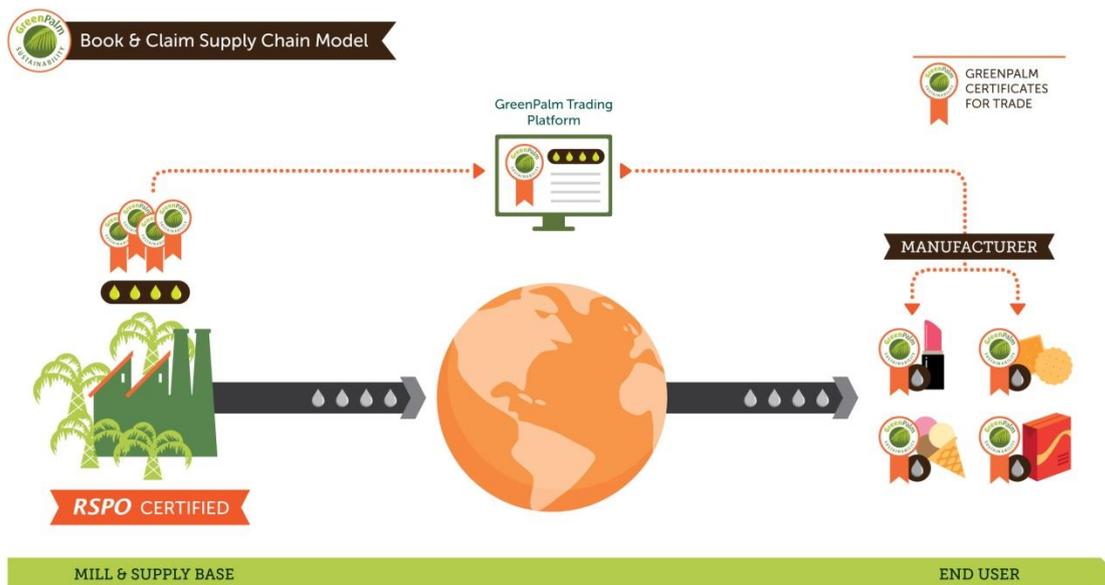


### What's required?

- Request RSPO Mass Balance oil from your supplier.
- All companies in the supply chain must be members of the RSPO.
- All companies who change the nature of the product must submit to a site audit by an approved [RSPO certifying body](#), adhering to the requirements laid out in the [Supply Chain Certification Standard](#).
- If you are a distributor or traders then a licence is required, site audit not applicable. [Download licence application form](#).
- You can claim to support RSPO certified oil. For on product claims the RSPO mixed trademark can be used once a license has been acquired, ensuring the RSPO rules on [communication & claims](#) are followed.
- Monitored by RSPO e-Trace up to first refinery level.

### 4. Book & Claim (GreenPalm)

Separate from the physical supply chain, RSPO certified plantations convert their certified tonnage into certificates, placing offers for these on the [GreenPalm market](#). Product manufacturers purchase certificates, offsetting their physical oil usage.



## What's required?

- To become a [member of GreenPalm](#), a one off membership fee of \$250 or \$500 is payable Depending on the number of certificates required per year.
- RSPO membership is not required, GreenPalm membership waiver applicable if you are an ordinary member of the RSPO.
- Purchase certificates on the [GreenPalm Market](#) up to the value of physical oil you wish to claim against, one certificate is equal to one tonne of certified oil.
- [Off market deal](#) facility available to support a specific RSPO certified grower.
- Cover Palm Oil, Palm Kernel Oil, Palm Kernel Meal or any derived ingredient e.g. Lauric Acid.
- Can claim to support RSPO certified oil, the GreenPalm logo can be used with no trademark license required. If logo is used on packaging, 100% of the palm/palm kernel must be covered.
- Claims can't be passed down the supply chain except in a private label/retailer situation or a branded, co-pack relationship.
- Members who redeem more than 500 certificates and retailers will be required to conduct a [compulsory desk top audit](#) by an approved RSPO supply chain certifying body.

If you would like to discuss the options available to your company then please [get in touch](#).

[www.greenpalm.org](http://www.greenpalm.org)

