

## **Pilgrim's UK Deforestation Policy**

### **UK Industry Position**

Most pig diets are cereal and soya based. On average soya accounts for approximately 10 - 15% of a pig's diet but will vary at different stages of the production cycle based on the animal's dietary requirements. Approximately 90% of soya consumed in the EU is used in livestock feed, mostly as soya meal, due to its high protein content. \*

The total volume of soya imported directly into the UK each year is estimated to be 3.2 million tonnes, predominantly from Argentina & Brazil. When including soya sourced from territories considered at low risk of deforestation (North America and Canada) and soya covered by an Amazon Soy Moratorium, the total proportion of soya imported into the UK which is either certified or from regions not at risk of deforestation amounts to 62%. Chickens followed by pigs are the largest consumers of soya in the UK.

### **Scope of this Policy**

This policy covers all direct and embedded forest risk commodities supplied into Pilgrim's UK, inclusive of:

- Pilgrim's UK's owned integrated supply chain, *whereby we have full control over the sourcing of soya & palm oil*. This supply chain is prioritized to ensure we can support our third-party producers with their own Soya transitions. We aim to source 100% deforestation free and responsibly sourced soya in our integrated supply chain by 2023.
- Third Party & Independent Producers, *whereby we do **not** have control over the direct sourcing of soya & palm oil*. Using learnings from our own journey transitioning to deforestation free soya, we aim to provide support to our third-party producers, so they are able to hit the target of sourcing 100% deforestation free and responsibly sourced soya by 2025.

### **Purpose of this document:**

- To halt deforestation
- To protect natural ecosystems
- To respect human rights
- To support livelihoods

### **Pilgrim UK's Deforestation Commitments**

Pilgrim's UK commit to working closely with our feed and pig suppliers to ensure all soya and palm oil sourced is deforestation and conversion free (DCF), implemented immediately where possible but no later than 2025. This includes a cut-off date from which the production area may have last experienced deforestation or conversion of January 2020 at the latest (2008 for the Amazon biome).

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022, 80% of palm oil sourced for Pilgrim's UK is RSPO assured. By 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, 100% will be RSPO assured.

Pilgrim's UK commit to report annually on progress towards our deforestation commitments in line with UK Soy Manifesto requirements. Reporting required by Pilgrim's UK's own suppliers is detailed later in this document.

## **Pilgrim's UK Agriculture Division: Pigs directly owned & produced by Pilgrim's UK**

Through over a decade of investment in strategic feed R&D, Pilgrim's UK Agriculture has achieved an industry-leading position in terms of innovation in soya sustainability, reaching soya inclusion levels in feed as low as 5% across the life of the pig and 0% in finisher diets.

Due to Pilgrim's UK's integrated supply chain, we are able to work closely with feed mills to ensure sustainability throughout the whole supply chain.

In October 2021, Pilgrim's UK became signatories of the UK Soy Manifesto to demonstrate our commitment to supporting the requirements of the industry to enable a more sustainable and responsible soya & palm oil supply chain.

In 2018 Pilgrim's UK became a member of the UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya whose members commit to sourcing soya that is produced and cultivated in a way that protects against conversion of forests and valuable native vegetation.

Pilgrim's UK also became a signatory to the Cerrado Manifesto in 2018. Members are committed to halting forest loss associated with agricultural commodity production and to working with industry, producers, governments and civil society to protect globally important natural landscapes within a framework of good governance and land planning policy.

Through commitment and dedication to pro-actively help tackle the issue of deforestation, Pilgrim's UK can confirm that:

- All soya fed to pigs within our own, integrated supply chain has been RTRS certified since 2017.
- All soya fed to our wider supply base (inclusive of third-party producers) has been RTRS certified since 2019.
- Following work undertaken on our dedicated trial farm, Pilgrim's UK's nutritionists have been able to reduce soya inclusion levels within pig feed down to 0%, however our target is 5% soya inclusion, as this is optimal in balancing environmental and nutritional requirements.
- Over the past decade, Pilgrim's UK have led various feed development trials to investigate alternative sources of locally sourced proteins. This has included growing and using Danube soya in our pig feed formulations and trialling UK grown peas, beans and lupins.
- We are currently working on Insect Meal trials.
- We are sourcing deforestation free soya where possible. Over the past two years, c.30% of Pilgrim's UK's integrated supply has been sourced from deforestation free areas.

We will continue to review our position on progressing our deforestation commitments and report on progress to our commitments annually.

## **Verification of Deforestation & Conversion Free Soya throughout the whole supply chain**

To verify the soya we source, Pilgrim's UK call for transparency through trader or feed mill disclosure that provides sufficient traceability to ascertain region of supply of all soya volumes, regardless of their customer through an annual reporting process by the end of 2022. Pilgrim's UK will require that these volumes will need to be verified deforestation and conversion-free supply by 2025.

We recognise the importance of working collectively as an industry to ensure we gain momentum in driving the target of 100% deforestation and conversion free commodities entering the UK by 2025. Pilgrim's UK commit to following the UK Soy Manifesto requirements and recognise our responsibility to support third party, independent producers to meet the targets. We have worked closely with EFCA to develop the Pork Sector Plan and commit to continue our high level of engagement.