

Hilton Food Group - Our UK Commitment to Sourcing Soy that avoids Deforestation

At Hilton we are committed to responsibly sourced food and we work in partnership with our suppliers and customers.

We have joined the UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya alongside our retail partners, where we have made a joint commitment to help protect the forests in South America from further deforestation. The scope of this commitment is for the farmed animal products we purchase for sale in the UK that have been fed on soy that is sourced from South America. Preventing deforestation is critical to mitigating climate change, conserving biodiversity and protecting the communities who make their home in the forests.

Achieving Zero Deforestation Soy

Soy production can be compatible with forest protection. Industry, civil society and governments must work together to ensure that soy expansion occurs only on existing agricultural land. Offering incentives as well as effective policies that redirect soy expansion to existing agricultural land can ensure zero deforestation soy production.

We recognise that effective forest governance is essential to successfully reversing deforestation. We are signatories to the Business Statement of Support for the [Cerrado Manifesto](#) which calls for industry, civil society and government to work together to balance sustainable agricultural development and protection of the important natural ecosystem in Brazil, called the [Cerrado](#) – the world's most biodiverse savannah (<https://cerradostatement.fairr.org/signatories/>).

Our UK Zero Deforestation Soy Transition Plan

Hilton have aligned with our key customers and developed a UK Zero Deforestation Soy Transition Plan. Our ambition is that all soy used as animal feed in our global supply chain is sourced from areas which are verified as zero deforestation. Our initial focus is on our UK supply chains as part of our UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya commitments.

To achieve this we will work with our supply chain partners to transition our South American soy from farm level certification towards sourcing from verified zero deforestation areas, through the following phases:

- 1. Transition to zero deforestation soy credits schemes, this has started with 2018 purchases for Tesco, where we have estimated the soy consumed**
- 2. Transition to Area Mass Balance (or Mass Balance) certified soy, by end of 2020**
- 3. Transition to sourcing from verified zero deforestation areas, by 2025**

Our transition plan phase 1 roll out started in partnership with Tesco in 2018. We mapped the soy used in animal feed through direct traceability back to the feed manufacturers, where possible.

The transition to phases 2 and 3 will require collaborative efforts by processors, farmers, feed suppliers and soy producers. Hilton will actively contribute to these processes and work towards achieving the same goals with our global retail partners. By this collective response we can help safeguard global forest loss. We are looking forward to playing our part and working in collaboration with industry partners and others to achieve this goal.