



## Statement on the subject of palm oil

(Calw, December 2020) Palm oil is a natural oil extracted from the pulp of the oil palm. One of the most frequently used natural oils, it is found in many everyday products. Because it is in great demand, use of this oil has led to large areas of rainforest being cleared. Therefore, the cultivation of oil palms and use of palm oil must be viewed critically.

Some Börlind GmbH products contain palm oil derivatives such as glyceryl, sucrose and ascorbyl palmitate. They are all common ingredients in natural cosmetics - in the products of other companies as well - and are used as natural emulsifiers, consistency enhancers and stabilizers.

In the case of Börlind GmbH, they are derivatives of certified sustainably produced palm oil from a certified RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) plantation. Established in 2004 as a World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) initiative, the RSPO supports the cause of sustainable oil palm cultivation worldwide. The palm oil plantations that belong to the organization have pledged to uphold its rigorous sustainability standards. Independent organizations verify that the plantations comply with RSPO standards.

Since 2013, Börlind GmbH has been a member of the Forum for Sustainable Palm Oil (FONAP). Organized by WWF Deutschland and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Forum's goal is to significantly increase the proportion of segregated, certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and their derivatives in the German, Austrian and Swiss markets. It actively works to make 100% segregated, certified palm oil and palm kernel oil available to these markets. The members of the Forum have pledged to fulfill and promote this goal.

As part of this commitment, Börlind GmbH also supports small farmers in Malaysia. Worldwide, small farmers meet almost 40% of the global demand for palm oil. Our help has enabled 36 small farmers to become certified in accordance with the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard.

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