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Position Statement on palm oil

At RAHN-Cosmetic Actives, we are committed to sustainability and responsible sourcing, reflecting our dedication to creating a positive impact on ingredient supply chains, preserving the environment, and ensuring respect for human rights. Our products are ClimatePartner certified, with transparent disclosures of our comprehensive corporate climate action strategy, emission reduction targets, and measures. We calculate product carbon emissions in accordance with the "Greenhouse Gas Protocol Product Life Cycle Accounting and Reporting Standard" using a "cradle-to-customer plus waste" approach. This includes extraction, pre-processing of raw materials, packaging, manufacturing, delivery, and disposal emissions. Where possible, we use primary data; otherwise, emission factors are derived from international databases such as Ecoinvent or GEMIS. Carbon emissions are offset through sustainability projects supporting various UN Sustainability Goals

Further, at RAHN-Cosmetic Actives, we recognize the potential of nature, combining it with modern technology to generate market-oriented, tried and tested active concepts. We are constantly at the cutting edge of skin biology, transforming scientifically proven systems into cosmetic statements. Our extensive platform meets a wide range of customer requirements, including marketing, science, product development, and product safety.

We support European responsible sourcing and production, focusing on renewable natural ingredients and ensuring our products are completely biodegradable and not ecotoxic. Our commitment includes supporting small and medium enterprises in Europe and complying with numerous cosmetic regulations.

Position Statement deforestation

At RAHN-Cosmetic Actives, we are aware of the importance of the Regulation on Deforestation-free products (EU) No. 2023/1115 and are in close dialogue with our manufacturers and suppliers. Especially in view of the challenges in relation to the procurement of palm oil, palm kernel oil and soy.

We can confirm, to the best of our knowledge, that none of our products are listed in Annex 1 of the relevant raw materials and products as their customs codes are not listed and are therefore by now not affected by the regulation.

However, we will be taking all necessary steps to ensure we comply with all requirements applicable to us according to our role in the supply chain as and when they become applicable to us.

Our journey so far

At RAHN-Cosmetic Actives, we are dedicated to sustainability and responsible sourcing. Our products contain up to 99.9% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil, purchased through the Mass Balance system. The certification number is provided on the Certificate of Analysis.

We are committed to creating transparency in our supply chains and ensuring our products meet high standards of sustainability. Our manufacturing processes comply with Cosmetic GMP, i.e., ISO 22716 or equivalent guidelines.

Our ambition

We continue to evolve and strengthen the approach to sustainability at RAHN-Cosmetic Active. Our ambition is to source sustainable palm ingredients from suppliers committed to the 'No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE)' principles. This includes:

- No deforestation, including no development of High Carbon Stock (HCS) and High Conservation Value (HCV) areas, and no use of fire to clear or prepare land.
- No development on peatlands.
- No exploitation of workers or communities, with respect for human rights and support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Additionally, we aim to:

- Increase transparency of our palm oil supply up to mill level.
- Drive positive change in our supply chains.
- Support the inclusion of smallholders in the supply chain.

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RAHN-Cosmetic Actives is committed to sustainability and responsible sourcing, focusing on three key elements:

Certification

RAHN-Cosmetic Actives will remain an active member of RSPO, supporting industry efforts by:

- Increasing the number of production sites with RSPO Supply Chain certification.
- Growing our purchasing coverage of RSPO Mass Balance certified palm ingredients, with market availability being a key consideration.

Supply Chain Transparency

We will continue to increase transparency in our palm supply chains. We are engaging with our primary suppliers to map their supply chains to refineries and mills, identifying our key upstream sourcing areas. Our goal is to achieve supply chain transparency to mill level with our top suppliers, equivalent to 80% of our volume on palm, by 2025.

Key Milestones

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