

Cocoa Procurement Guideline

The Meiji Group procures cocoa according to the Meiji Procurement Policy, working with suppliers to engage in socially responsible activities (human rights, environment, etc.).

Scope of Application

Cocoa used in the production of consumer-use and industrial-use products

Principles for Action

1. We comply with the laws and regulations of cocoa-producing countries and regions, engaging in cocoa procurement via appropriate procedures.
2. We engage in sustainable cocoa procurement in accordance with the Meiji Group producer support program (Meiji Cocoa Support) and in cooperation with the World Cocoa Foundation.
 - a. Ensuring labor conditions are appropriate and respect human rights (monitoring for child labor, forced labor, etc.)
 - b. Ensuring the preservation of environmentally important areas (ecosystems, natural forests) in cocoa-producing regions
3. We notify suppliers that they are required to comply with the Cocoa Procurement Guideline. We take action as deemed necessary if we suspect suppliers of non-compliance.
4. We publish an annual report on our cocoa procurement activities.

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