Palm Oil Procurement Guideline

The Meiji Group supports zero deforestation, and procures palm oil according to the Meiji Procurement Policy, working with suppliers to engage in socially responsible activities.

Scope of Application
Palm oil and palm kernel oil included in the sources of oils and fats used in the production of consumer-use and industrial-use products

Principles for Action
1. We give priority to the use of certified palm oil (RSPO, ISPO, MSPO, etc.).

2. When using non-certified palm oil, Meiji (alone or in conjunction with third parties) selects palm oil recognized as being produced in a sustainable manner, according to a. through d., below:
   a. Produced in compliance with laws and regulations of the country of production.
   b. Produced under labor conditions that are appropriate and respect human rights (monitoring for child labor, forced labor, etc.)
   c. Produced under conditions respecting the land rights of indigenous peoples and others.
   d. Produced under conditions that preserve environmentally important areas (ecosystems, natural forests) in palm oil-producing regions.

3. We notify suppliers that they are required to comply with the Palm Oil Procurement Guideline. We take action as deemed necessary if we suspect suppliers of non-compliance.

4. We publish an annual report about palm oil usage and certified palm oil substitutes.

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