

Press release

Time is running out to accelerate up-take of certified sustainable palm oil and bridge the gap from the current 66% to targeted 100%

Brussels, 7 May 2019 - At the end of 2018, 66% of the approximately 3.7 million tonnes of palm oil getting into European refining plants of FEDIOL companies, were certified sustainable. This shows a slight increase compared to last year's levels.

The latest figures released today by FEDIOL, monitor the volumes of certified sustainable palm oil that entered EU refining plants in 2018. They are aimed at enhancing transparency and at benchmarking progress. FEDIOL joined the industry commitment in Amsterdam at the end of 2015 to support the uptake of sustainable palm oil and their fractions with a view to achieving 100% by 2020.

The statistics show that virtually all palm oil and palm kernel oil used by FEDIOL members is traceable back to the mill and, in certain cases, even to the farm. These traceable volumes are not necessarily certified sustainable, but they represent a necessary starting point towards the transition to full sustainability in the palm oil supply chain.

Strong campaigning against palm oil has slowed down the supply chain transformation and discouraged engaged market actors, contributing to the lack of appropriate demand for sustainable products. Therefore, further efforts will be needed across the supply chain to cover the remaining 34% of palm oil which is not yet certified and meet the 2020 objective.

The monitoring leaflet can be found [here](#) on the FEDIOL web-site.

Note to the editor

FEDIOL represents the interests of the European vegetable oil and protein meal industry. With about 180 facilities in Europe, the sector provides over 20.000 direct employments. Our members process approximately 55 million tonnes of basic products a year. Oilseed crushing produces vegetable oils and protein meals as co-products.

The FEDIOL monitoring does not entail data on the sectors in which these palm oil volumes are used. Considering the current estimates of EU palm oil imports for 2018, about 50% were used and refined by FEDIOL companies.

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