



Deforestation and Conversion Policy - Sustainable high-risk commodities

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Avara is committed to eliminating deforestation from its supply chain and ensuring the sustainable sourcing of high-risk commodities. This policy aligns with our environmental, social, and governance (ESG) commitments to protect biodiversity, mitigate climate change, and promote ethical practices.

The protection and maintenance of forests is critical to reducing the impact of global warming. Forests provide habitats for animals and plants, but also a valuable home for native communities. In addition, forests and woodlands soak up 30 per cent of emissions from industry and fossil fuels (United Nations, 2024). The global total forest area stands at approximately 4.06 billion hectares but continues to decrease over time due to deforestation. Deforestation is occurring due to mineral extraction, expansion of farmland, infrastructure and energy developments.

Every year the world loses 10 million hectares of forest due to deforestation, with forest degradation accounting for 11% of carbon emissions. (United Nations, 2024). The loss of valuable habitats also threatens critical species and can result in further biodiversity loss (FAO, 2020). The incidents of deforestation are higher in certain geographical locations and for the growth of certain key commodities.

Avara is committed to producing products in a sustainable way through the commodities we source and the way we rear our birds, including ingredients sourced for their diet. This includes proactively managing our supply chain to ensure we are not contributing to deforestation or land conversion (cut off no later than 2020).

Scope:

We recognize that certain commodities associated with global forestry and agricultural activities present a higher risk of deforestation and land conversion. These high-risk commodities (HRC) for deforestation and conversion, as defined by the European Commission, consist of coffee, cocoa, soy, palm oil, cattle (beef, leather), timber & pulp products. We recognize there is an inherent risk of deforestation and land conversion with

these commodities used within our process. Avara is committed to limiting the use of HRC within our supply chain. However, when it becomes necessary to use HRC to mitigate risks, Avara requires that certain standards are met during the sourcing of these materials.

All certification schemes included in our requirements must incorporate a Chain of Custody system to ensure traceability from the farm to the final product. These include:

Product	Use	Accepted certification
Soy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raw material in our feed • Ingredient 	RTRS, Proterra, ISCC or FEFAS Soy sourcing guidelines
Palm Oil, Palm kernel Oil, Derivatives and Fractions	Ingredient	RSPO, ISCC, POIG or Rainforest Alliance Certified - from segregated supply chains
Cocoa	Ingredient	Rainforest Alliance Certified or Fairtrade International,
Coffee	Ingredient	Rainforest Alliance Certified or Fairtrade International
Paper, pulp and Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary and Secondary Packaging • Poultry bedding 	FSC, PEFC, SFI, Rainforest Alliance

Any products produced by Avara where these commodities are sourced as ingredients or indirectly via poultry feed or packaging materials must be sourced sustainably.

To demonstrate sustainable sourcing for the commodities listed above, we will require visibility of the relevant certification to show that the commodity has been produced and sourced sustainably.

Where appropriate, Avara will engage with industry groups such as the UKSM, RSPO and Roundtable of Sustainable Soy.

Please also see sustainable soy policy for further detail of soy sourcing for poultry feed.