

No Deforestation Commitment Statement

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1. Introduction

Deforestation is defined as the long-term or permanent conversion of forested land to non-forest uses, such as agriculture, infrastructure, or other developments. It is a significant global issue, contributing to biodiversity loss, climate change, and the disruption of ecosystems and livelihoods. Muntons recognises that supply chains, particularly those involving forest-derived materials, can present a risk of association with deforestation. As such, and as part of its **Science Based Targets** commitment, Muntons is committed to identifying, mitigating, and eliminating this risk within its operations and procurement practices, with supplier due diligence processes that prohibit association to deforestation with its activities.

In addition, Muntons recognises the increasing regulatory focus on deforestation through the introduction of the **EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)**. This regulation, which becomes applicable from 30 December 2026, aims to ensure that certain commodities placed on the EU market are deforestation-free and legally produced. The EUDR identifies a defined set of commodities associated with global deforestation risk, specifically **cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, soy, rubber, and wood**, including certain derived products.

While Muntons' core raw materials are largely outside the scope of these commodities, the regulation provides a useful framework for identifying, assessing, and managing deforestation risk within supply chains. Muntons has therefore considered the relevance of these commodities in the context of its own operations when identifying potential areas of exposure.

The major areas it has identified that could present potential risks to deforestation, including:

- Biomass wood chips for energy generation
- Paper or wood-based packaging
- Malting barley and key cereal grains
- Palm oil

2. Responsible Sourcing

Woodchip Biomass

Muntons utilises woodchips that are recycled from waste timber as biomass fuel. Since these materials are derived from residues and by-products, their use does not drive the harvesting of primary timber. All biomass inputs are certified by the **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)**, an internationally recognised scheme which provides independent, third-party assurance that forest materials are sourced from responsibly managed systems. FSC certification is subject to rigorous auditing and includes requirements to prevent illegal logging, avoid deforestation and forest conversion, protect biodiversity, and maintain full chain-of-custody traceability throughout the supply chain.

Wood and paper-based packaging

All paper-based packaging procured by Muntons is likewise FSC-certified, ensuring that any virgin fibre is derived from sustainably managed forests or recycled sources. In addition to certification, Muntons maintains supplier approval and documentation processes, including the collection of compliance declarations and verification through externally audited systems (such as FSSC 22000 audits, which are applicable to all products we manufacture within our sites), to ensure packaging materials are sourced from approved and traceable suppliers. Through this combined approach—integrating certification, traceability, and supplier oversight—Muntons ensures that all paper-based packaging used within its operations is controlled, transparent in origin, and demonstrably low risk with respect to deforestation.

Palm Oil

Muntons also recognises that certain globally traded commodities may carry inherent deforestation risk although immaterial. Where relevant higher-risk commodities are present in the supply chain, such as palm-based oil, these are used only in minimal volumes (<1 tonne procured per year) and are sourced in line with recognised certification schemes such as the **Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)**. RSPO certification includes environmental criteria designed to prohibit deforestation and ensure responsible production practices, supported through independent verification. Nonetheless Muntons

is committed to reducing and withdrawing the sourcing of palm oil from its supply chain to fully prohibit any potential risks.

Malting barley and key cereal grains

Malting barley and cereal grains are the commodities that are the most material to Muntons' food manufacturing, yet they are not included within the scope of EUDR-listed deforestation-linked commodities. On this basis, Muntons considers its grain supply to present a very low risk of deforestation. Nonetheless, 100% of our malting barley and key cereal grains are sourced from suppliers certified under the **Red Tractor assurance scheme** (or equivalent), which is benchmarked to the **SAI Platform Farm Sustainability Assessment (Silver level)**. These crops are predominantly grown in the United Kingdom, with some sourced from the European Union, both of which are recognised as low-risk geographies for deforestation under the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) country classification framework.

3. Supplier Due Diligence and Risk Management

Muntons actively manages deforestation risk across its supply chain through structured and repeatable processes, including its annual ESG materiality and risk assessments of its suppliers, alongside ESG assessment questionnaires issued as part of its supplier desk audits. These questionnaires include direct disclosure requirements on forestry management and third-party certification, requiring suppliers to self-assess and confirm their practices. This approach provides documented evidence that suppliers are assessed for deforestation risk on an ongoing basis and enables Muntons to identify, address, and exclude any suppliers that do not meet its requirements. In addition to desk audits, Muntons reserves the rights to conduct spot site audits to further ensure its suppliers' compliance to its ESG requirements is as declared. As a result, deforestation risk is not only considered but actively monitored and controlled within its procurement processes.

4. Our Commitment

While Muntons recognises that its current sourcing practices present a very low risk of deforestation, it remains committed to ongoing and active monitoring and review, ensuring that deforestation risks continue to be identified, assessed, and effectively managed across our operations and supply chain.