Tesco UK Zero Deforestation Soy Transition Plan
Background

In 2010, Tesco committed to achieving zero-net deforestation in our sourcing of palm oil, beef, timber and soy.

Our Little Helps Plan sets out our targets, including to:

• Lead the industry in addressing the sustainability challenges in our supply chains starting with our most important products and ingredients
• Achieve zero net deforestation in our sourcing of raw materials
• Improve water quality and biodiversity in vulnerable agricultural regions
• Reduce carbon emissions from agriculture by 12% by 2025
• Support sourcing communities facing complex social and environmental challenges

In line with our targets and considering the significance of soy to our animal protein products, we aim to play a leadership role in addressing deforestation linked to soy.

Our Zero Deforestation Soy Transition Plan sets out the phases to achieving our targets.
Reaching our zero deforestation soy plan

**Ambition:** All soymeal in our UK supply chain to come from verified zero deforestation areas by 2025

Key phases towards 2025:

*Phase 1:* transition to zero deforestation soy credits schemes, starting in 2018
*Phase 2:* transition to Area Mass Balance (or Mass Balance) certified soy, by end of 2020
*Phase 3:* transition to sourcing from verified zero deforestation areas, by 2025
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2018 focus:
• Achieve certification for UK whole chicken products

2019 focus:
• Achieve certification for UK whole animal protein products

2020 focus:
• Achieve certification for all UK whole animal protein products and products containing animal protein ingredients

- Not yet certified
- Certified crédits
- Certified mass balance
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2021 focus:
• Support verified zero deforestation sourcing areas to become available at scale

2023 focus:
• Support more verified zero deforestation sourcing areas become available

2025:
• All soy able to be sourced from verified zero deforestation areas

Not yet certified  certified credits  certified mass balance  Verified zero deforestation areas
Principles of our Soy Transition Plan

1. Our plan prioritises animal protein products with the biggest soy footprint from South American deforestation hotspots.

2. Our soy transition plan recognises credits as a start, to stimulate zero deforestation production.
   
   - *Current Tesco-recognised zero deforestation certification standards/credits:* ADM RSS v2; Bunge Pro S; Cefetra Responsible Soya; Cargill Triple S; ProTerra; ISCC+; RTRS; Sustainable Farming Assurance Programme

3. By 2025, all our soy will be sourced from verified sourcing areas. This requires that we support the development of a “landscape approach” to create these zero deforestation areas.

4. We will engage with industry peers and other stakeholders to accelerate progress towards verified zero deforestation areas.