



## **KEPAK DEFORESTATION ACTION PLAN**

In line with our Deforestation Policy, Kepak is committed to ensuring that any relevant commodities used in our supply chains in Ireland and the UK are deforestation and conversion free by the end of 2025.

This commitment encompasses any relevant commodities that are sourced from both legal and illegal deforestation or conversion of other natural ecosystems with a cut-off date 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 or earlier and will enable us to meet EU Deforestation Regulations and the UK Forest Risk Commodities legislation.

Communicating and reporting our commitment to deforestation and conversion-free of relevant commodities is already an integral part of Kepak's sustainability portfolio and our senior management team are updated on progress as part of our regular business reviews.

UK and Ireland are deemed low risk to deforestation so are not required to provide a risk assessment or mitigation plan.

Please refer to our Responsible Sourcing Policy which outlines a clear framework for sourcing practices within Kepak to ensure that all suppliers adhere to our commitment to ethical, sustainable, and responsible sourcing. The procedure outlines the steps Kepak Group follows to implement and maintain our Responsible Sourcing Policy across the supply chain.

### **1. Our beef and lamb supply chains**

Kepak source cattle and sheep from over 15,000 farms across the UK and Ireland. The low reliance on soy as feed for cattle and sheep and the small volumes purchased by farmers within our UK and Ireland beef supply chain makes full traceability at farm-level difficult to attain without an industry approach.

#### **Work to date:**

To support the transition to deforestation-free feed within our Beef and Lamb supply we have been undertaking regular communication with them on our policy regarding sustainable soy and our work to influence the sourcing of soy from sustainable sources through the various stakeholder groups in the UK and Ireland.

We are also continuing to assess the extent of use of soy within our supply chains.

With this information and as a signatory to the UK Soy Manifesto, through our membership of the UK Cattle Sustainability Platform and the UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soy we have been:

- Informing and updating our beef and sheep producers about soy sourcing and our work as signatories to the UK Soy Manifesto – **ongoing**
- Tracking the feed sources identified during sampling back up the soy supply chain to help us understand the chain of custody



- Using that information, together with the UK Roundtable members to support the development and implementation of a certified deforestation-free supply for ruminant feed at point of import by the end of 2025.
- Continue to engage with industry stakeholders to lobby and develop a national approach and solution for soy sourcing.

## **2. Pork, poultry and other purchased products that may contain soy**

We have already begun communicating our soy commitment to our supply base. Going forwards we will:

- We have completed a priority assessment at the end of 2024 and have used this to extend our communications and supplier questionnaires to our key suppliers
- Continue to gather soy information and commitments from our key suppliers and extend our communications to our wider supply base (based on volume) **by the end of 2025.**
- Continue to gather soy information and commitments from our extended supply base and support/communicate with suppliers who do not currently have a policy in place **by the end of 2025.**
- Implement a soy monitoring and review process with our suppliers **by the end of 2025.**