

Becoming a member of the RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil)

Calbee, Inc.

Calbee, Inc. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Shuji Ito), on January 14, 2020, became a member of the “RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil)¹,” a non-profit organization involved in implementing global standards for the production and use of sustainable palm oil, with the aim to minimize the environmental impacts of palm oil cultivation.

The RSPO is a non-profit membership organization that promotes the participation of its member companies in activities related to forestry and biodiversity conservation, economic factors, and workers’ human rights in the production and use of palm oil.

Palm oil is a collective term used for oil derived from the oil palm fruit. Palm oil is the most largely produced natural oil worldwide for use as a raw material for margarine, shortening, soaps, and edible oil. Our company primarily uses palm oil in the frying process during production. In recent years, various issues, such as rainforest deforestation for the development of farms, workers’ human rights, and CO₂ emissions from peatlands, related to palm oil production have been highlighted.

Under the concept of the “Calbee Group CSR Procurement Policy”², our company has ensured the sustainable procurement of palm oil. Our company became a member of the RSPO to contribute to resolving these issues, and to promote and ensure the sustainable production and use of palm oil. By making progress through efforts aimed toward the sustainable production of palm oil, our company will contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

- 1: RSPO is the abbreviated name of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, a non-profit membership organization established by WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and stakeholders related to the palm oil industry (manufacturers, retailers, environmental organizations, etc.).
- 2: The Calbee Group CSR Procurement Policy is a policy that defines the Calbee Group’s efforts toward compliance with laws, regulations, and social norms; considerations for human rights, labor, and environment; ensuring quality and safety; and information security for the purpose of ensuring close collaboration with suppliers.