Sourcing of Cocoa

David Jones Position Statement

HUMAN RIGHTS & WORKING CONDITIONS

David Jones requires all our suppliers to follow our Supplier Code of Conduct (our Code). Alongside our Code, we have specific commitments that we are actively working towards in partnership with our suppliers. This statement sets out our position regarding cocoa.

Definition
Cocoa is the product of the cacao tree, whose beans are used to produce cocoa liquor, cocoa butter, and cocoa powder — the primary ingredients in chocolate manufacture[1].

Context
Cocoa, the key ingredient in chocolate, has complex supply chains that present significant ethical and sustainability challenges. The industry has long been associated with human rights concerns such as child labour, forced labour and poor working conditions, particularly in West Africa where nearly two-thirds of the world's cocoa originates[2].

Cocoa cultivation also places pressure on the environment, with the clearing of forests for land to grow crops impacting biodiversity in addition to the impact of farming practices employed by cocoa farmers, such as water use and the use of chemical pesticides and fertilisers.

Commitment
Even though David Jones is a relatively small player in the global cocoa market, we are committed to working with our suppliers, independent certification bodies, international agencies and others to encourage responsible practices in the cocoa industry.

We commit to:

- Sourcing 100% certified cocoa from our preferred certification standards for our private label pre-packaged chocolate and confectionery ranges.
- We also commit to sourcing 100% certified cocoa from our preferred standards for our other private label fresh products containing cocoa.

Scope
All private label products containing chocolate.

Discover More

To learn more about this important topic, we encourage you to visit the following sites:

- Chocolate Scorecard
- GSI-2023-Cocoa-Spotlight.pdf

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1. Home | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
2. GSI-2023-Cocoa-Spotlight.pdf