

European Union Acknowledges MSPO as a Credible and Inclusive Sustainability Standard Supporting EUDR Compliance

Kuala Lumpur, [5 September 2025] – The European Union has officially acknowledged the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification as a credible sustainability standard with a high-standard digital traceability system that can facilitate operators' compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). This acknowledgement reinforces MSPO's role as Malaysia's national framework for sustainable palm oil and highlights its contribution to global trade and responsible sourcing.

Audited by independent third-party certification bodies, MSPO is a mandatory standard that spans the entire palm oil value chain, from smallholders and growers to mills, dealers and processors. It ensures legality, transparency, inclusivity and accountability at every stage, aligning production with international market requirements and guaranteeing integrity and credibility.

Anchored by a strict cut-off date of 31 December 2019 prohibiting deforestation for certification, MSPO gives buyers and regulators confidence that certified palm oil is legally sourced and deforestation-free. With its high-standard digital traceability system, MSPO enables full supply chain visibility and strengthens trust among global stakeholders.

YB Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, Minister of Plantation and Commodities, said:

"This acknowledgement by the European Union affirms Malaysia's leadership in sustainable palm oil. MSPO provides assurance on legality, cut-off date compliance, and digital traceability, while ensuring that more than half a million smallholders are fully part of the sustainability agenda. It demonstrates that Malaysia can meet global market expectations without leaving anyone behind."

"The EU's acknowledgement also underscores MSPO's credibility as a trusted and future-ready standard. It assures global buyers that Malaysian palm oil is legally sourced, traceable, and sustainable, anchored in the livelihoods of smallholders and backed by a mandatory national framework."

As global sustainability requirements intensify, MSPO offers a durable and scalable framework for responsible sourcing. By embedding legality, a strict no-deforestation cut-off date, and advanced traceability, MSPO supports operators' compliance with the EUDR and strengthens Malaysia's position as a trusted partner in sustainable global trade.

This acknowledgement was made in the official EU–Malaysia Joint Statement entitled "EU and Malaysia Agree to Strengthen Their Partnership and Continue Their Joint Efforts Against Deforestation," issued following the visit of Her Excellency Jessika Roswall, European Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy, to Malaysia on 5 August 2025. The full statement is available here:

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malaysia/eu-and-malaysia-agree-strengthen-theirpartnership-and-continue-their-joint-efforts-against_en