## **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

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## Wilmar's Continued Commitment to Removing Deforestation from our Supply Chain

Sustainability remains at the heart of Wilmar's business as we firmly remain committed to ensuring our supply chain is free from deforestation and peatland development. We are pleased to share with you an <a href="mailto:update">update</a>¹ on progress of efforts Wilmar has in place to remove deforestation and peatland development from our palm oil supply chain. We strongly reiterate our continued commitment to using and promoting best practice methodology and tools to enable sustainable development of oil palm, and for the identification of areas to protect and conserve. This includes the <a href="https://document.org/length/">HCSA toolkit²</a>, the <a href="https://document.org/length/">HCV National Interpretations³</a>, and the integrated <a href="https://document.org/length/">HCS-HCV methodology⁴</a>, which are recognised as the best available tools to identify areas critical for conservation. As of 2018, these tools are recognised and have been incorporated into the RSPO's Principles & Criteria⁵</a>.

These toolkits and methodologies are open-source and free to use tools that are available for application by any company with commitments to only develop lands that are identified as non-HCV or non-HCS areas. The use of these tools is not dependent on participation in any specific organisation. In using these toolkits within our own operations and our supply chain, we will also continue to abide to the quality control requirements that have been set by the HCV-Resource Network (HCV-RN) and the HCSA organisation.

For further information or clarification in relation to this decision, please directly contact Wilmar Sustainability via <a href="mailto:csr@wilmar.com.sg">csr@wilmar.com.sg</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.wilmar-international.com/docs/default-source/default-documentlibrary/sustainability/wilmar deforestationprogressreport mar20 final.pdf?sfvrsn=69b278b1 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://highcarbonstock.org/the-hcs-approach-toolkit/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Search "National Interpretations" on <a href="https://hcvnetwork.org/libraries/">https://hcvnetwork.org/libraries/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://hcvnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/HCV HCSA Manual Final Eng.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.rspo.org/resources/archive/842