



## **Palm Oil Fact Sheet**

- As part of our *BK Positive Steps*® corporate responsibility program, Burger King Corp. (BKC) is committed to being a good global corporate citizen and, along with our employees and our suppliers, believes in the protection and conservation of our precious natural resources around the world.
- BKC is committed to sourcing our products from sustainable suppliers. In fact, we are updating our Code of Business Ethics and Conduct for Vendors to reflect that philosophy and to encourage our suppliers to source products in a responsible manner. For more than 20 years, BKC has maintained a rainforest policy for its beef suppliers prohibiting the sourcing of beef from cattle that graze on lands formerly designated as rainforests. BKC is currently reviewing its overall rainforest policy to include all of its products.
- We believe palm oil should be produced in a sustainable manner; however, there is currently no globally established method of tracing palm oil that is certified as sustainable.
- In the BURGER KING® system, palm oil is used in two ways—as frying oil in the Asia/Pacific region and as a minor ingredient in baked goods globally. Virtually all of our vendors who produce BKC's frying oils and baked goods source palm oil from suppliers who are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). The RSPO's primary objective is to promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil products through credible global standards. For more information on this organization, please visit [www.rspo.org](http://www.rspo.org).
- After completing a thorough review of the independent verification report conducted by Control Union Certification (CUC) and BSI Group, BKC believes the report has raised valid concerns about some of the sustainability practices of Sinar Mas' palm oil production and its impact on the rainforest. These practices are inconsistent with BKC's corporate responsibility commitments.
- As a result, BKC has decided it will no longer purchase palm oil from Sinar Mas or its subsidiaries. BKC is in the process of transitioning to a new palm oil supplier for the 176 BURGER KING® restaurants that were supplied by Sinar Mas. In addition, BKC is notifying its suppliers of its intent to discontinue the use of palm oil supplied by Sinar Mas in the manufacturing of its products. BKC recognizes this is a difficult proposition, but is committed to working with its suppliers to achieve this goal.