Upfield Public Grievance and Issues Tracker

Upfield is committed to sourcing our ingredients sustainably and responsibly. We also expect our direct suppliers to act in accordance with Upfield's Responsible Sourcing Policy, and the policies pertaining to our individual commodities.

As part of Upfield's commitment to transparency, we publish grievances and issues via this tracker. This tracker consists of:

- Grievance cases directed towards Upfield, related to palm oil, soybean oil, coconut, or pulp & paper; and
- Priority issues with implications for Upfield's supply chain, as identified through our regular monitoring activities.

Upfield's Grievance Committee reviews each grievance case internally, and we further investigate each of them through our direct suppliers. Upfield also collaborates with Earthworm Foundation to investigate and review each case.

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1	14	4.4.2020	Palm Oil	Mighty Earth	Mulia Sawit and Samling Group	N/A		The issue is pro-actively reviewed due to the indirect connection of the alleged companies with Upfield. Allegations of deforestation by Mulia Sawit and Samling Group.			Upfield's Supply Chain	April 2020: Samling Group - Upfield's suppliers have confirmed an indirect supply chain connection to Samling Group through Glenealy Plantations palm oil concessions, through our Mass Balance supply chains. Following our grievance process and an investigation of the facts, Upfield has issued a suspension order to our direct suppliers to ensure palm oil from Glenealy Plantations and Samling Group does not enter our supply chain. Mulia Sawit - Our direct suppliers have reconfirmed that Mulia Sawit is not in our supply chain. Upfield has issued a supply chain suspension order to our direct suppliers, to ensure palm oil from this group does not enter our supply chain in the future.
2	30	0.09.2020	-	US Customs and Border Protection	FGV	N/A		The issue is reviewed due to US Customs & Border Protection issuing a Withold and Release Order (WRO) against FGV Holdings Berhad.	& Border Protection		Chain	July 2022: Kilang Sawit Serting - The suspension of P&C certificate for FGV's Kilang Sawit Serting is lifted by the RSPO Complaints Panel after the audit verification by certification body: https://rspo.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#900000007oJi/a/00000000xvOo/ZI9kuR6BRhU PiCPbnjyAxXj2oGa4UyVocV8SNe2fKXc December 2020: Kilang Sawit Serting - In response to the RSPO suspension and following an investigation, in line with our grievance process, we issued a suspension order to our direct suppliers for FGV's KSS mill. FGV Holdings Berhad - Following an investigation and in line with our grievance process, Upfield issued a suspension order to our direct suppliers for FGV Holding Berhad for the Upfield US supply chain.
3	30	0.12.2020		US Customs and Border Protection	Sime Darby Plantation Berhad	N/A	Forced labour	The issue is reviewed due to US Customs & Border Protection Withhold and Release Order (WRO) against Sime Darby Plantation Berhad.	& Border Protection	Direct connection Sime Darby is a direct supplier to Upfield and appears in our supply chain indirectly through other suppliers.	-	February 2023: WRO was lifted by the US Customs and Border Protection. We therefore consider this grievance now closed. December 2020: After an investigation by Upfield, which was limited by the availability of specific verifiable information, Sime Darby Plantations (Malaysia sourced) remains suspended from the Upfield North America supply chain.

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4	15.02.2022	Palm Oil	Earthworm Foundati on	PT Dewa Rencana Perangin-angin	N/A	Human rights	The issue is pro-actively reviewed due to severity of the human rights violation allegations.	Mongabay	Indirect connection PT Dewa Rencana Perangin-angin is not a direct supplier to Upfield. PT Dewa Rencana Peranginangin appeared in our mass balance supply chain indirectly.	Suspended from Upfield's Supply Chain	March 2022: Due to the severity of the allegations representing a clear violation of our shared NDPE commitments, Upfield decided to put PT Dewa Rencana Peranginangin on its no-buy list until further notice with immediate effect.
5	20.04.2022	Palm oil	BBC and Gecko Project	GAR/Sinarmas	PT Agrolestari Sentosa	Community land dispute	The issue is pro-actively reviewed due to the indirect connection of the alleged mill companies. Allegations of failing to address the Plasma scheme.	Mongabay	Indirect connection Upfield is indirectly connected with the alleged mills through direct suppliers.	Under review	November 2023: Upfield is reviewing the development of the case through direct suppliers and our partner Earthworm Foundation. May 2022: GAR released a statement and acknowledged the need to fulfill the Plasma mandate for seven subsidiaries https://www.goldenagri.com.sg/gar-advisory-on-thegecko-project-report-related-to-our-plasma-smallholders-fulfillment/ April 2022: The Gecko Project published its first report on GAR allegations in failing to address plasma scheme
6	09.06.2022	Palm Oil	Friends of Earth/WALHI	Astra Agro Lestari	PT Mamuang, PT Lestari Tani Teladan, PT Agro Nusa Abadi	Community land dispute	The issue is proactively reviewed due to the indirect connection of the alleged mill companies. Allegations on land disuputes with local community. FOE and WALHI reported that the three subsidiaries of AAL is alleged of not implementing Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of local communities to operate.	Eriends of the Earth	Indirect connection Upfield is indirectly connected with the alleged mills through one direct supplier	Suspended from Upfield's Supply Chain	December 2023: After investigating and reviewing the allegations, Upfield suspended PT Mamuang, PT Lestari Tani Teladan, and PT Agro Nusa Abadi. We believe that AAL must engage with relevant stakeholders and communities towards a long-term resolution. Upfield will further monitor on any remedial actions through our direct supplier and through Earthworm Foundation. November 2023: Upfield is reviewing the development of the EcoNusantara investigation through direct suppliers. June 2023: EcoNusantara started their initial investigations and verification, PT AAL also published an update on the progress https://www.astra-agro.co.id/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Progress-Update-on-Independent-Third-Party-Verification-June-9th-2023.pdf April 2023: AAL published a statement on March 31st, 2023 in which communicated that EcoNusantara has been appointed as the independent third party to review the allegations. June 2022: Upfield is investigating the case via our direct suppliers.
7	12.06.2023	Palm oil	Sveriges Nature	Asian Agri, Peputra Group, YPJ Holdings San Bhd, Surya Group, Mahkota Group TBK, KPN Corp, Bintang Utama Lestari, BBS Group, PT Mitra Unggul Pusaka, Anam Koto Group, Swakarsa Sawit Raya	Gemilang Sawit Lestari, Ukui I, Ukui II, Makmur Andalan Sawit, Segati, Persada Alam Jaya,	Deforestation	The issue is pro-actively reviewed due to the indirect connection of the alleged mill companies. Allegations of potential deforestation in Tesso Nilo National Park.	Sveriges Natur	Indirect connection Upfield is indirectly connected with the alleged mills through six different direct suppliers.	Under review	November 2023: Upfield is closely monitoring the on-the ground investigation through our direct suppliers. July 2023: Upfield is indirectly connected through several direct suppliers. Upfield has requested updates from its direct suppliers. June 2023: Deforestation allegations are made concerning Tesso Nilo National Park.
8	26.10.2023	Palm Oil	Kaoem Telapak, Environmental Investigation Agency	BEST Group	PT Hamparan Masawit Bangun Persada (PT HMBP)	Human rights / community land disputes	Allegations concerning severe human rights violations.	Mongabay	Indirect connection BEST Group is not a direct supplier to Upfield. The mill PT HMBP appeared in our mass balance supply chain indirectly.	Suspended from Upfield's Supply Chain	October 2023: Due to the severity of the allegations representing a clear violation of our shared NDPE commitments and Palm Oil Policy, Upfield decided to put BEST Group on its no-buy list until further notice with immediate effect.

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9	31.10.2023	Pulp & Paper	Earthworm Foundati on	Smurfit Kappa in Colombia	N/A	Community land dispute	The issue is pro-actively reviewed due to the allegations concerning human rights.	REDD Monitor	Direct connection Upfield is sourcing from one Smurfit Kappa's mills in Colombia	Closing	December 2023: On engaging with our direct supplier, they shared that they are currently engaging in a cultural identity project on the indigenous reserve of Kurak Chak, Cauca. The Company is also committed to a process of engagement and dialogue with representatives of the community. November 2023: Upfield is investigating the case with Smurfit Kappa to discern links between the mill and the allegations. Upfield will also continue to monitor the case through Earthworm Foundation.
10	26.10.2023	Palm Oil	The Gecko Project	First Resources	N/A	Deforestation	Allegations of deforestation and ownership control of non-RSPO certified companies that have been involved in deforestation	The Gecko Project	Indirect connection Upfield is indirectly connected with the alleged mills via two suppliers	Monitoring	December 2023: Upfield met with RSPO's Grievance team to request an update to the investigation. We will continue monitoring the case through the RSPO Complaints Portal and Upfied's direct suppliers. Upfield will respect the decision and results of RSPO's investigation following their official process. November 2023: Upfield is investigating the case through direct suppliers. A further investigation regarding the First Resources case is underway by RSPO.
11	07.12.2023	Palm Oil	CIR/Romero Initiatives	NaturAceites SA, Palma del Ixcan, Industria Chiquibul, REPSA	N/A	Environmental allegations and community land rights	Allegations towards companies in Guatemala regarding environmental allegations (pollution of water) and disputes with indigenous communities.	Upfield's Speak Up Channel	Indirect connection Upfield is indirectly connected with the alleged mills via suppliers	Under review	March 2024: During the review and engagement process with the direct supplier, we did not see any progress made by Industria Chiquibul, Upfield is suspending Industria Chiquibul as of March 15, 2024. NaturAceites has published action plans to further improve its system: https://naturaceites.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Allegations-by-Romero-Events-Concern-Issues-Report.pdf. We are monitoring the implementation progress closely through our direct suppliers. February 2024: Following engagement with our direct suppliers, we understand that NaturAceites is implementing a poverty alleviation programme, and a Continuous Improvement Programme with ProForest, amongst other programmes. They are also working with Earthworm Foundation to improve their grievance mechanism. The issue remains under review. Our suppliers confirmed there are no open complaints against Palma del Ixcan. December 2023: Upfield is investigating the case through our direct suppliers. Our suppliers confirmed that: - Currently, there are no open environmental complaints against Naturaceites S.A. Regarding the allegations on human rights, Naturaceites has shared evidence to clarify the published allegations. - We are further investigating Industria Chiquibul and Palma del Ixcan through our direct supllier - Our suppliers confirmed that there are active engagements and verification processes with REPSA and Grupo Hame to date.

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