

Soy and CSR: how does Inproba coop with this?

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Soy policy

At Inproba, we purchase annually soy commodities that derives from a limited number of sources, partially originating from South America, partially originating from Asia, North America and Europe. All soy commodities purchased by Inproba are non-GMO certified and are destined to human consumption. The share that we purchase from South America is ProTerra certified. For us it guarantees that cultivation of this kind of soy is sustainable and does not contribute to the problems in South America*. As far as the share that originates from Asia, North America and Europe is concerned, these regions are not prone to the problems that are generally related to soy, the cultivation there is much smaller. ProTerra soy is in these regions not available.

*Soy from South America is mainly cultivated for the use of animal feed. The cultivation of this kind of soy is accompanied by big scale deforestation and destruction of savannas. Soy has thus become one of the major causes of deforestation and extinction of animal- and plant species. 99% of all soy is destined for animal feed, only 1% is destined for human consumption which concerns a different soy species. Soy for livestock breeding feed is cultivated in several South American countries, e.g. in Brazil and Argentina, where the governments subsidize soy cultivation. These countries make a profit from soy, that's why more and more soy is being cultivated destined for life stock breeding. In order to be able to scale up the soy production, these countries deliberately chose to apply GMO. The unexpected effect was an increasing use of pesticides. The pesticides have a negative impact on the surrounding nature and ecosystems. The expansion of the plantations and farms in South America go along with forced land expropriation and violations of human rights. People lose their land and with it their source of food security. Inproba refuses to contribute to these problems. The impact that soy farming has in South America is the main reason why RTRS (Round Table on Responsible Soy) is foremost active in South America. 99% [source www.proterrafoundation.org] of all RTRS certified soy is GMO. In Asia, GMO is by law prohibited.

In case our customers do require sustainable soy certifications of soy that originates from Asia, Europe and North America, we cannot comply with it. The degree of sustainability of our soy is supported and guaranteed by the fact that it is strictly non-GMO, does not originate from South America (except for ProTerra sustainable non-GMO soy) and used only for human consumption.

Duly signed at Baarn, September 2019

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