



## Foyle Food Group

### SOY POLICY

#### **Introduction**

While we are a UK-based Beef processing company, we have customers around the world, and we embrace our responsibility to help address global issues where we can. We know our business impacts on the environment through beef farming and we are conscious of our responsibilities to embed sustainable practices in every area of our operations.

#### **Commitment and Objectives**

The Foyle Food Group is committed to ensuring that any soy used in our supply chains in Ireland and the UK is deforestation and conversion free (DCF) \* by 2025.

\*Our cut-off date for deforestation and conversion is January 2020, or earlier if an existing cut-off date is already in place, such as the Amazon Soy Moratorium.

We are committed to reporting and communicating our policy objectives to our suppliers to assist in the transition to deforestation and conversion free (DCF) feed within our Beef Supply Chain.

#### **Completed Actions**

In 2020 Foyle Food Group commenced action to address unsustainable soya feed in our supply chain. We recognise that this feed ingredient can be sourced from deforested regions as well as sustainable regions. For our beef suppliers, that have a low reliance on soy as a feed ingredient, it is difficult to identify which soya is harming biodiversity, so we took long term and short-term actions to address this:

Short-term – We published an animal nutrition masterclass with leading experts to improve animal health and farm efficiency. In doing so we promote soya free cattle diets that are equally as effective but eliminate deforestation risk.

Long-term – In 2022 we became members of the UK Soy Manifesto to engage at national level and support the industry step change in the transparent sourcing of sustainable DCF soy in UK food supply chains.

#### **Our Soy Action Plan**

Foyle Food Group are committed to enabling our beef producers to source sustainable DCF free soy by helping to improve the traceability of soy used in livestock feed and supporting more transparent soy reporting across the supply chain.

- Through our sustainable farming group meetings educate, engage and support farmers on soy sourcing
- Further the advice to our farmers on the use of alternative protein sources.
- Through our Foyle farms of excellence complete trials on protein alternatives in beef cattle diets
- Engage with Industry stakeholders and the UK Soy Manifesto on the UK Soy Footprint and Verification of sustainable sourcing.

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