Foyle Food Group

SOY SOURCING POLICY

Introduction

Foyle Food Group are a family-owned business with over 40 years of expertise in beef processing. We are dedicated to operating as a sustainable business and committed to doing that well. 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.

All the soy within our footprint is embedded soy in the beef cattle we purchase. Our indirect soy footprint is centred on the use of soy as an ingredient in livestock feed. Farming and agriculture are central to our business, whilst we do not source animal feed or soy directly, we recognise the need to work with all stakeholders to ensure a transition to sustainably sourced soy in our beef supply chains.

Our beef cattle are sourced in the UK and Ireland where grass is the primary component of the diet. According to the European Commission's country benchmarking under Article 29 of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), published in May 2025, both the United Kingdom and Ireland are officially classified as low-risk countries for the production of EUDR-relevant commodities.

Commitment and Objectives

The Foyle Food Group is committed to ensuring that any soy used in our beef supply chains in Ireland and the UK is deforestation and conversion free (DCF) (in alignment with the Accountability Framework initiative (AFi) definitions for deforestation, conversion, natural ecosystems, and cut-off dates) by the end of 2027 reflecting revised sectoral timelines and industry-wide transition progress. The cut-off date for deforestation and conversion remains January 2020.

This commitment applies to all soy, which is entirely indirect and embedded in livestock feed, as Foyle Food Group does not purchase soy directly. It covers all embedded soy associated with products produced and sold by Foyle Food Group.

We are committed to reporting and communicating our policy objective to our suppliers to raise awareness and 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 soya 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 annually report progress to our customers through platforms such as 3Keel.
- We have published annually our 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.
- In 2023 and 2024 we continued to seek alternative protein to soya for animal feed and sharing this knowledge with our suppliers.
- We engaged with supplying farmers at our animal nutrition discussion forums with focus on how to utilise alternative protein sources to soya.
- A strong focus is also placed on grass quality to achieve high protein and energy levels in the diet to reduce the need for protein supplementation from concentrate feed.

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.
- We will align our actions with the Manifesto's five commitments, including supplier cascade requirements and harmonised monitoring, verification and reporting (MRV), ensuring our approach remains consistent with collective industry expectations.

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.
- Work collaboratively with suppliers to enhance transparency, data sharing, and continuous improvement.
- Communicate progress updates and report on key continuous improvement milestones.
- Engage with Industry stakeholders and the UK Soy Manifesto on the UK Soy Footprint and Verification of sustainable sourcing.

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