

ABIOVE's position on sustainability in the Soy Chain

The Brazilian Association of Vegetable Oil Industries – ABIOVE is closely following the recent declarations regarding the preservation of the Amazon. We believe in best agricultural practices. We reaffirm that the sector continues to remain steadfast to the commitments it has made, to value sustainability in the Soy Chain in both the domestic and international markets. The sector has contributed to food safety for Brazilians and to the country's trade balance, exporting US\$45 billion in the soy and corn chains.

ABIOVE and its member companies would like to emphasize that Brazil's environmental legislation is very strict and that our commitment is to support an environmental governance agenda that retains international recognition of Brazil's agribusiness and, consequently, values the sustainable production of Brazilian soybeans.

Among the internationally recognised programmes, we can cite the Soy Moratorium. Based on data from the National Space Research Institute – INPE (PRODES Amazônia), the sector monitors if soy is planted in deforested areas and, with this information available, ABIOVE's member companies have guaranteed a zero deforestation policy for more than a decade, through procedures controlling origination and independent audits validated by civil society, so that our companies do not acquire or finance soy from farms where deforestation has been detected.

The Soy Working Group – GTS, which coordinates the Soy Moratorium, brings together the private sector, civil society (Greenpeace, WWF Brazil, TNC, Imaflora, IPAM and Earth Innovation) and the Bank of Brazil.

In addition to the Soy Moratorium, we can also cite the commitments made in the Green Grain Protocol with the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office – MPF, in certification programmes and in programmes of best agricultural practices, with daily controls that track illegal deforestation areas which has been embargoed, as well as illegal deforestation in conservation units and indigenous lands. Rural Environmental Registration – CAR applications, and the social, environmental and economic indicators are also monitored in supplier's farms.

Furthermore, the Cerrado Working Group – GTC, coordinated by the private sector to monitor the Cerrado Biome with the objective of eliminating illegal deforestation directly associated with soy, is developing a mechanism for payment of environmental services for producers who preserve their native vegetation.

Fighting deforestation associated with soy production is, and will always be, a priority of this Association.