



Deforestation-Free Avocado Sourcing Policy

Our Commitment

Sprouts is committed to sourcing avocados responsibly and to reducing the risk of deforestation, illegal land conversion, and associated environmental and social harms within our supply chain.

We recognize that avocado production in certain regions presents elevated deforestation risk. As part of our broader sustainable sourcing efforts, we have established expectations for avocado suppliers to help ensure that avocados sold at Sprouts are not linked to illegal deforestation or land conversion.

Scope

This policy applies to avocados sourced from deforestation-risk regions, including Mexico, and covers avocado orchards, packinghouses, and direct and indirect avocado suppliers.

Supplier Requirements

We require avocado suppliers to meet the following minimum expectations.

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Suppliers must ensure that avocados supplied to Sprouts are not grown on land that has been illegally deforested or converted in violation of applicable local, national, or international laws.

Use of Recognized Verification Frameworks

For avocados sourced from Mexico, we require suppliers to source only from Pro-Forest Avocado (PFA) certified packinghouses, which are intended to help prevent deforestation and land-use conversion through verification of orchard sourcing practices.

We may recognize additional credible, government-supported, or third-party verification mechanisms over time, particularly where they demonstrate equivalent or stronger deforestation-risk mitigation.

Supply Chain Due Diligence

Suppliers are expected to maintain diligence processes, which may include orchard-level traceability, verification that orchards were established prior to applicable deforestation cut-off dates, documentation such as government records, permits, satellite imagery, audits and supplier confirmations.

Transparency and Recordkeeping

Suppliers must be able to provide reasonable documentation, upon request, to demonstrate compliance with this policy, including confirmation of certification status where applicable.

Monitoring and Ongoing Compliance

We will engage suppliers on an ongoing basis to confirm continued alignment with this policy, periodically review supplier compliance and sourcing practices, and update sourcing expectations as deforestation-risk monitoring tools and best practices evolve.

Failure to meet these expectations may result in corrective action, up to and including discontinuation of the supplier relationship.