

Keurig Dr Pepper Forests Position Statement

Introduction

As a leading beverage company, KDP recognizes that certain agricultural commodities are linked to deforestation and ecosystem conversion, which can contribute to biodiversity loss, climate change, and social conflict. As part of our commitment to responsible sourcing, KDP is taking steps to ensure that our supply chains are free from deforestation.

This statement aims to align with guidance from the Accountability Framework initiative (AFi) and supports our Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) commitments. Given the evolving landscape of guidance, we will review this statement regularly to ensure ongoing alignment.

Scope

This statement applies to all KDP operations and suppliers of our primary deforestation-linked commodities, which are coffee, cocoa and pulp/paper as these are the commodities we source with the most forest-related exposure. Priority inputs outside of the scope of this statement are managed through our responsible sourcing program, for which details can be found on our corporate [website](#) and within our annual [impact reports](#). Following KDP's acquisition of JDE Peet's, we will be working to align and develop appropriate policies for the creation of the Beverage and Coffee companies. This statement covers legacy KDP supply chains in the interim period.

Commitment

Keurig Dr Pepper is committed to achieving no-deforestation across our primary deforestation-linked commodities by Dec 31, 2025. This means:

- Avoiding the sourcing of commodities produced on land that has been subject to deforestation or forest degradation after Dec 31, 2020.¹
- Supporting global efforts to eliminate deforestation and conversion of natural ecosystems associated with commodity production in our supply chain.
- Committing to adhering to all applicable laws and regulations governing forest protection, land use and environmental management in the countries where we operate.

Implementation Approach

In line with SBTi and AFi recommendations, KDP regularly assesses our supply chains to identify deforestation risk hotspots and prioritize actions where we can have the greatest impact. Within KDP's supply chain, coffee is our most important focal commodity by spend, volume and emissions.

¹ In accordance with SBTi guidance and EUDR regulations.

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For coffee, KDP relies on supplier due diligence and credible second-party verification and third-party certification partners that have been vetted by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) to advance our deforestation-free commitments. Accepted verification and certification programs are listed in the appendix. Currently purchases of green coffee, our largest coffee input by far, are managed in this way and purchases of soluble, freeze-dried and green coffee extract are out of scope, as they represent a minimal portion of our coffee portfolio.

Within our cocoa supply chain, KDP relies on credible third-party certifications to meet our responsible sourcing commitment. To date, KDP has purchased certified cocoa on a mass balance basis, which means the certified cocoa purchased may not be fully traceable to deforestation-free farms. KDP is actively exploring additional measures to enhance traceability and verification and further reduce risk of deforestation within the supply chain.

KDP sources pulp and paper that is used in product packaging. These purchases are primarily sourced from forests in the US and Canada, which are both considered low-risk countries for deforestation. We will continue to improve our monitoring of all purchases linked to forests and to gauge any changes in risk over time.

Supplier Engagement

Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP) and its subsidiaries are committed to sourcing ingredients and materials from suppliers that share our values regarding environmental stewardship, human rights, and ethical business practices. KDP's [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) requires suppliers comply with all applicable laws related to land use, forest protection, and agricultural development, and suppliers are expected to uphold this policy. Failure to do so may result in remediation requirements or, if unaddressed, termination of the business relationship.

Governance & Reporting

Implementation of these activities is overseen by KDP's Chief Procurement Officer in partnership with the Sustainability team, led by our Chief Corporate Affairs Officer. KDP will publicly report on progress toward our no-deforestation goals through our annual Impact Report and other relevant disclosures. Progress will be tracked through supplier reporting and third-party verification and certification data.

We will engage regularly with suppliers, customers, and investors to communicate progress and share best practices.

Grievance Mechanism

We expect suppliers, or other stakeholders to report any ethical concerns or violations by any KDP employee or agent acting on behalf of the supplier or KDP.

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Suppliers and stakeholders may report concerns or potential violations in the following ways:

- Call: 800-349-4248 (U.S. & Canada) or 001-888-243-8076 (Mexico).
- Mail: Attn: General Counsel | Keurig Dr Pepper | 6425 Hall of Fame Lane | Frisco, TX 75034.
- Web: <https://www.integrity-helpline.com/kdp.js>

Definitions & Appendix

KDP aligns its definitions with the Accountability Framework initiative to ensure clarity and consistency with global best practice

Deforestation-free sourcing means that products are verified to not originate from land converted from natural forest or other natural ecosystems after December 31, 2020.

Primary Deforestation-linked Commodities: A primary deforestation linked commodity is one that:

- i) is associated with significant deforestation risk at global or regional scales and
- ii) the company produces or sources in non-trivial quantities

Deforestation: Loss of natural forest after December 31st, 2020 as a result of:

- i) conversion to agriculture or other non-forest land use;
- ii) conversion to a tree plantation; or
- iii) severe and sustained degradation.

Loss of natural forest that meets this definition is considered to be deforestation regardless of whether or not it is legal.

The Accountability Framework's definition of deforestation refers to the gross loss of natural forest, with "gross" understood to mean total or aggregate loss without deduction for reforestation or other offsets.

Forest: Land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds in situ. Forest does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or other land use. Forest includes natural forests and tree plantations. For the purpose of implementing no-deforestation supply chain commitments, the focus is on preventing the conversion of natural forests.

KDP Accepted Verification and Certification Programs for coffee:

KDP's coffee responsible sourcing program consists of:

1. Working with second-party verification and third-party certification partners that have been vetted by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP)
 - a. As of March 2026, KDP's accepted partners include Fairtrade International, Fair Trade USA, the Rainforest Alliance, 4C, Agri Evolve's ACE 2030, AtSource Entry Verified by ofi, ECOM SMS, Guaxupe Planet, HACOFECO Connect, NKG Verified, RGC Coffee 3E, RSP

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Advanced by Louis Dreyfus Company, Sucafina IMPACT, Volcafe Excellence, Volcafe Verified;

2. Requiring the completion of independent, third-party audits on coffee farms to verify compliance with standards and remediation of key issues;
3. Mandating our external partners share standardized data with us on traceability, risk and impact. Second-party verification and third-party certification partners audit a representative sample of farms. Under the commonly employed industry approach, the baseline number of farms to audit equals the square root of the total number of farms. That baseline can be adjusted up or down based on risk, and each verification or third-party certification partner will approach this differently. The GCP, through its equivalence process, assesses programs to help ensure a robust management system is in place that is fit-for-purpose. For all programs, KDP likewise requires them to disclose their sampling methodology as part of KDP's approval process