AIC Sustainable Soya Progress Report

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The AIC Soya Supply Group (ASSG) together with the AIC Sustainable Commodities Standard Working Group (ASCSWG) have been engaged in a number of initiatives relating to sustainable soya for several years and provide this report by way of an update on recent activity.

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AIC Soya Supply Group Data Report - 2025 Import Data

In line with commitments made to report import volumes, ASSG provide the following data for GB imports for the calendar year 2025. All data is expressed as tonnes (t) of soyabean meal equivalent volumes (calculated at 72.5% yield).

1	**AIC Soya Supply Group Data Report - 2025 Import Data**			
2	Category	Metric Tonnes (t)	% of total	Notes
3				
4	Total soyabean meal equivalent imports	2,623,488	100%	
5	Soyabean meal equivalent from any source meeting currently known EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) requirements + conversion	0	0%	Note: physically verified DCF and expected to be EUDR aligned
6	Soyabean meal equivalent from any source meeting currently known EUDR requirements	0	0%	Note: physically verified DF and expected to be EUDR aligned
7	Balance of soyabean meal equivalents not meeting requirements in rows 5 and 6	2,623,488	100%	
8	Volumes of soyabean meal equivalent balance reported in row 7 from a lower risk source	576,537	22%	Note: verified DCF on account of low-risk origin (N. American and Europe) but not necessarily EUDR aligned
9	Volumes of soyabean meal equivalent balance reported in row 7 from a higher risk source	2,046,961	78%	Soya from any other origin not included in row 8
10	Volumes of soyabean meal equivalent balance reported in row 9 covered by a certification scheme that has been successfully benchmarked against the European Feed Manufacturers' Federation (FEFAC) Soya Sourcing Guidelines 2023 via mass balance or area mass balance OR is traceable to the producer and audited by a recognised 3rd party certification/inspection company where the supplier has an existing soya policy for the country or region referring to a zero deforestation standard	1,054,935	40.2%	Expected to be UK Forest Risk Commodities Regulation (UKFRC) aligned (provided there is supporting assurance of legality to point of import to the UK)
11	Soyabean meal imported compliant with Amazon Soya Moratorium (ASM) contracts and not included under row 10[1]	320,176	12.2%	[1]This category will be amended for future reports given the withdrawal of supply businesses from ASM
12	Balance of soyabean meal equivalents from any high or lower risk source (as reported in row 7) not covered by a certification scheme that has been successfully benchmarked against the FEFAC Soya Sourcing Guidelines 2023 OR is traceable to the producer and audited by a recognised 3rd party certification/inspection company where the supplier has an existing soya policy for the country or region referring to a zero-deforestation standard	757,963	28.8%	Compliance status not yet established

AIC Soya Supply Group Data Report - 2025 Import Data - Origins

Origin	Volumes	%
Argentina	887,727	33.8
Brazil	936,174	35.7
Paraguay	223,050	8.5
North America	576,537	22.0
Other		
Total	**2,623,488**	**100**

All data is expressed as tonnes of soyabean meal equivalent volumes (calculated at 72.5% yield). ASSG data reflects the volumes handled by ASSG members. The report does not include volumes handled by other feed material importers, which would include Northern Ireland imports and some speciality soyabean meal such as non-genetically modified (non-GM) and organically certified. The report does not include imports of soya products used for human consumption.

AIC Soya Supply Group Data Report - Commentary

There were no volumes reported in the first two categories, 'soyabean meal equivalent from any source meeting currently known EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) requirements + conversion' and 'soyabean meal equivalent from any source meeting currently known EUDR requirements'. This contrasts with the volumes reported in 2024 which were 34,750 and 458,700 tonnes respectively. This shift in volumes is thought to be due to the announcement of further delays in the implementation of EUDR by the EU Commission.

Soyabean meal import volumes were roughly in line with expectations but were approximately 9% ahead of 2024 imports (2,389,825t).

The volume of soyabean meal sourced from low-risk origins increased in the same proportion as total imports at approximately 10% above the figure for 2024 (521,831t).

The volume of soyabean meal imports covered by a certification scheme benchmarked against FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines (2023) or is traceable to the producer and audited by a recognised 3rd party certification/inspection company increased by 283,491 tonnes compared to 2024 imports. The proportion of imports in this category rose from 32.3% in 3034 to 40.20% in 2025.

The data suggests that 71.2% of UK imports of soyabean meal for use in animal feed could be regarded as being verifiably deforestation free. This compares with the figure in 2024 of 82.5%. This reduction is due to no volumes being reported in the first two categories as referenced above.

Of the 757,963t (28.8%) of 2025 imports for which compliance status is not yet established, using the established risk weighting methodology developed by FEFAC in conjunction with Cámara de la Industria Aceitera de la República Argentina (CIARA) in Argentina, Associação Brasileira das Indústrias de Óleos Vegetais (ABIOVE) in Brazil and Cámara Paraguaya de Oleaginosas y Cereales (CAPRO) in Paraguay, it can be established that a very small proportion of this tonnage may be at risk of being associated with deforestation.

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AIC Sustainable Commodities Scheme Standard Working Group Progress Report

AIC Sustainable Commodities Scheme (ASCS) Update

AIC have developed and published the first to modules under the ASCS scheme.

- **Module One:** For Participants to demonstrate alignment with EUDR from origin to UK – applicable to importers.
- **Module Two:** For feed mill operators, who will be required to account for the flows of 'EUDR aligned' commodities entering and leaving the mill.

AIC and industry representatives have ensured that the standard meets UK Soya Manifesto signatory requirements and allows AIC compound feed Members to maintain a mass balance of EUDR-aligned and non-aligned soya supplies, stored together in a single bin.

Work has commenced on two further modules within the scheme:

- A standard designed for participants to demonstrate alignment with EUDR with an add-on module 'plus conversion-free.
- A standard designed for participants to demonstrate alignment with the GB Forest Risk Commodities Regulation (GBFRC).

A list of certified Participants, the products within their scope, and the modules against which they have been certified will be made publicly available via the AIC website.

It is a prerequisite of ASCS that all raw materials/feeds are also certified under a feed safety Scheme that is either managed by AIC or recognised as equivalent by AIC.

ASCS documents

All documents relating to the scheme can be found at the following link:

ASCS Documents

Development of a Standard Designed for Participants to Demonstrate Alignment with the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) with an Add-on Module 'Plus Conversion-free'.

AIC will convene the AIC Sustainable Commodity Scheme Standard Working Group to review the development of an EUDR aligned + conversion free standard. This work will commence in Q1 2027 with the preparation of a draft standard. Once complete, as with other standards under the ASCS scheme, the draft will be put out for public consultation.

It is important to reiterate that the development and implementation of a standard do not constitute a supply signal. The availability of material which would meet the EUDR aligned + conversion free standard is entirely a function of supply matching demand backed by realistic expectation of the terms under which material aligned with the standard might be supplied.

Future Plans

AIC Soya Supply Group (ASSG) and AIC Sustainable Commodities Standard Working Group (ASCSWG) will continue to engage with supply chain partners on these issues. Active engagement with the following (non-exhaustive) list of stakeholders will continue:

UK Sustainable Commodities Initiative

UK Soya Manifesto group

UK Soya Manifesto (Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification) MRV group

BSI vDCF standard working group

EFECA and Retail Soy Group (RSG)

Individual retailers

Producer group meetings National Farmers Union, National Farmers Union Wales, Farming Union Wales, National Farmers Union Scotland, Ulster Farmers Union, National Pig Association, British Egg Industry Council, British Poultry Council, etc)

Processor group meetings (British Meat Processors Association, Dairy UK, etc)

Regular speaking slots at conferences, workshops, etc

ASSG will maintain a programme of regular face-to-face meetings with UK Soya Manifesto representatives to provide updates on progress and to discuss how best to overcome barriers to progress.

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