POSITION STATEMENT
DEFORESTATION: AMAZON RAINFOREST

DuPont Nutrition & Health (N&H) supports the conservation of natural resources such as the Amazon Rainforest. We take the business of environmental responsibility seriously and ecological stewardship is encompassed in our Core Values – Safety and Health, Ethical Behavior, Respect for People, and Environmental Stewardship. As a company, we continually seek to minimize our environmental footprint and are committed to the conservation of natural resources and energy.

In Brazil, as in every country where we operate, DuPont N&H applies the highest standards for responsible environmental management. Our raw materials are mainly grown in the Midwestern United States but are also coming from other regions such as South America (outside the Amazon biome region), Canada and parts of Europe and Asia.

When sourcing raw materials, DuPont N&H’s purchase contracts require its suppliers to comply with environmental and labor laws of the country in which they operate. Our general requirements are specified in the DuPont Supplier Code of Conduct. Specifically for soy purchased from suppliers that are situated in areas in the vicinity of the Amazon biome, we only buy from vendors that can document that they are in compliance with the Soy Moratorium which prohibits the purchase of soy beans on lands deforested after July 2006 in the Amazon biome.

Since the inception of the Soy Moratorium in 2006, only a small area of soy expansion has occurred on newly deforested areas. Balancing Brazil’s continued economic development with the need to protect and preserve these vital ecosystems is a priority for the nation and responsible members of industry who operate there.

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