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Name	Cutoff Date	Type of Ecosystem	Commodities
Sector agreements			
Amazon Soy Moratorium	July 2008	Natural forests in the legal Amazon of Brazil	Soy
Indirect Suppliers Working Group for Brazilian Ranching (GTFI)	1 August 2019	Natural forests in the legal Amazon of Brazil	Cattle
Terms of Adjustment of Conduct (TAC) Monitoring Protocol for Cattle Suppliers	5 October 2009	Natural forests in the legal Amazon of Brazil	Cattle
Voluntary Monitoring Protocol for Cattle Suppliers in the Cerrado	1 August 2020	All natural ecosystems in the Cerrado of Brazil	Cattle
Laws and regulations			
Argentina Forest Law	2008-2016 (depending on province)	Natural forests	Soy
Brazilian Forest Code	July 2008 (the law treats clearance prior to this date differently from clearance after this date)	Native vegetation on rural properties in Brazil; requirements vary by location	Cattle, soy
Colombia Zero Deforestation Agreements	1 January 2010	Natural forests	Beef and dairy, cocoa, palm oil
European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) (2023/1115)	31 December 2020	Natural forests	Cattle, cocoa, coffee, rubber, palm oil, soy, wood
Indonesia Forest Moratorium (10_2011)	2011	Natural forests	Palm oil, pulp, timber

Paraguay Zero Deforestation Law (2524/4)	1986	Natural forests	Soy
Collective targets			
Science Based Targets initiative Forest Land and Agriculture (SBTi-FLAG) targets	Target-setting companies are recommended to specify a date no later than 2020	All natural ecosystems	All
Science Based Targets Network (SBTN) No-Conversion target	Target-setting companies should specify a date no later than 2020	All natural ecosystems	All
Certification schemes			
4C	2006	Natural forests, protected areas	Coffee
Fairtrade Cocoa Standard	31 December 2018	Natural forests	Cocoa
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	31 December 2020 with remedy required on land converted after 1 December 1994 1 December 1994 if remedy framework is not followed	All natural ecosystems	Timber, pulp, paper, rubber
International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC)	January 2008	High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests and high biodiversity areas	Palm oil
Malaysia Sustainable Palm Oil	31 December 2019	Natural forests, High Conservation Value (HCV) areas, and protected areas	Palm oil
Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)	31 December 2010	Natural forests	Timber, pulp, paper, rubber
Proterra	2008	Natural ecosystems	Soy
Rainforest Alliance	1 January 2014	All natural ecosystems	Cocoa, coffee, tea, bananas, and various other crops

<u>Round Table on Responsible Soy (RTRS)</u>	May 2009	Natural forests and some other natural ecosystems	Soy
	3 June 2016	All natural ecosystems	
<u>Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)</u>	November 2005	Primary forest or any area required to protect or enhance High Conservation Values (HCVs)	Palm oil
	November 2018	High Conservation Value (HCV) areas and High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests	
Collaborative initiatives			
<u>Cocoa and Forests Initiative: Colombia Cocoa and Peace Initiative</u>	1 January 2011	Natural forests	Cocoa
<u>Cocoa and Forests Initiative: Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire</u>	1 January 2018	National parks and reserves	Cocoa
	31 December 2019	Degraded forest reserves	
<u>Consumer Goods Forum Forest Positive Coalition</u>	2020 *must align with legal and sectoral cut-off dates where they exist	All natural ecosystems	Cattle (beef and leather), palm oil, paper/pulp/packaging, soy
<u>Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR)</u>	1 April 2019	Natural forests and High Conservation Values (HCVs)	Rubber
<u>High Carbon Stock Approach (HCSA)</u>	The earlier date of either i) the publication of the HCSA Toolkit (April 2015); or ii) the cutoff date established by the No Deforestation policy of an HCSA Steering Group member or any party committed to, or implementing, the HCS Approach	High Carbon Stock (HCS) areas, High Conservation Value (HCV) areas, peatlands, and community lands	All
<u>UK Soy Manifesto</u>	2020	All natural ecosystems	Soy