

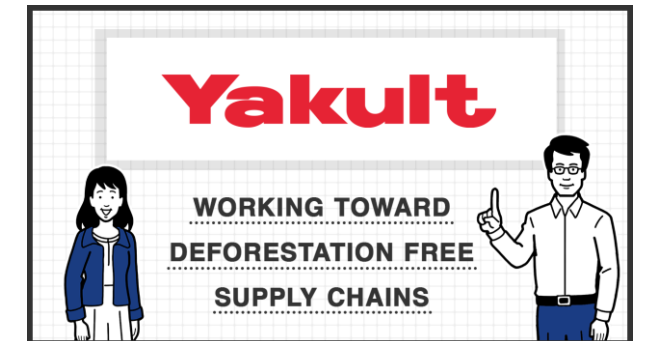
Deforestation and Conversion Free (DCF) Commitment to Responsible Sourcing Progress Report (FY2023)

■ Scope

All consolidated sites in Japan and overseas involved in the procurement of raw materials to produce food and beverages, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics for the Yakult Group

■ Commodities

- ① Pulp and paper ② Palm oil
- ③ Soy ④ Dairy products



Progress report on the DCF Commitment to Responsible Sourcing *Excluding dairy products

Commodities & Consumption	Percentage verified as DCF	Explanations
<p>Pulp and paper 9,645.7t</p>	<p>74.2%</p>	<p>The majority of paper containers and packaging used in products manufactured and sold by the Group have already been switched to FSC-certified paper/PEFC-certified paper or recycled paper.60.1% was for certified products and 14.1% was for recycled paper of the scope of the commitment.This percentage is the proportion of the quantity verified to be deforestation and conversion free. (License Number:FSC®N003728)</p>
<p>Palm oil 191.2t</p>	<p>0.0%</p>	<p>The Yakult Group becoming a member of the RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) in October 2023, an international initiative regarding the sustainable use of palm oil. As of the end of March 2024, no third-party certified palm oil is used, but the company plans to switch to palm oil in the years ahead and verify whether the use of palm oil causes deforestation and land conversion.</p>
<p>Soy 1,787.7t</p>	<p>42.4%</p>	<p>We use soybeans as a primary raw material of processed soymilk, soymilk beverages, and dairy products manufactured and sold by the Group. Among the soybeans we use in our processed soymilk and soymilk beverages, and dairy products 42.4% are from Japan, where the risk of deforestation and land conversion is low, and we regard this percentage as no deforestation or land conversion associated with the use of soybeans.</p>

*Progress on dairy products is currently in the stage of information gathering