Deforestation and Conversion Free (DCF) Commitment to Responsible Sourcing Progress Report (FY2022)

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

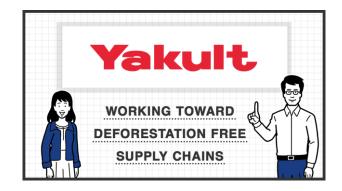
Commodities

- 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
Pulp and paper 9,085.0t	24.7%	The majority of paper containers used for beverages sold by Yakult Honsha have already been switched to FSC-certified paper/PEFC-certified paper, which is approximately 24.7% 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)
Palm oil 160.2t	0.0%	As of the end of March 2022, 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.
Soy 2,764.8t	66.0%	We use soybeans as a primary raw material of processed soymilk and soymilk beverages manufactured and sold by the Group. Among the soybeans we use in our processed soymilk and soymilk beverages, 66% 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.

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