

Position Paper

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erlenbacher backwaren

Cocoa

Since 2009, erlenbacher backwaren has specifically been addressing the question of sustainability. In our strategic orientation and products and in our daily activities we wish to be as good as possible to human beings and animals and to handle the environment and resources with as much responsibility as possible. We believe that this is an ongoing learning process, one which can never be fully completed.

We explicitly welcome the fact that our business partners also pursue and support these aims and require that they be met. We appreciate suggestions and ideas on these matters. We accept them with pleasure since they help us to learn something new and to further develop ourselves.

For many years now, erlenbacher has been cooperating with selected, regularly audited producers to ensure the highest possible standard of food safety. We are a member of the UTZ so we support the sustainable cultivation of cocoa. UTZ-certified farmers use better cultivation methods in terms of human beings and the environment. UTZ is program and a seal of quality in sustainable cultivation all over the world (www.utz.org).



In October 2015, erlenbacher passed the UTZ initial audit on cocoa for the mass balance (MB) supply chain model. We

purchase the pure cocoa products we use and the majority of our raw materials containing cocoa as UTZ MB certified goods. Our declared aim is to likewise convert the few remaining raw materials containing cocoa to RSPO SG if possible.

As a partner enterprise in the ZNU (German Centre for Sustainable Corporate Management of Witten/Herdecke University), we regularly exchange information, on the one hand with academics and on the other hand with other producers operating in the food industry. We thus ensure that we remain in a position to be able to identify and take account of relevant sustainability issues.

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