# Deforestation Position Statement

Associated British Foods plc

Associated British Foods plc (ABF) is a highly diversified group, with a range of food and ingredients businesses as well as our retail brand, Primark. We are united in our purpose: to provide safe, nutritious and affordable food, and clothing that is great value for money.

ABF operates through a devolved business model, and its businesses operate across diverse sectors, geographies and supply chains. Individual businesses are responsible for managing the environmental and social issues most material to them. Consequently, our approach to deforestation is delivered through a combination of business-level policies, commitments and programmes.

At ABF, we recognise that protecting forests is critical to tackling climate change, conserving nature and ecosystems and supporting resilient agricultural supply chains. Our businesses must comply with all laws and regulations applicable to deforestation in the jurisdictions relevant to them.

Our ambition is to ensure that wherever ABF businesses source material deforestation-risk commodities, they are effectively managing the associated risks and transitioning towards deforestation-free supply chains as appropriate.

Beyond the Group ambition, our businesses have autonomy to develop their own positions, policies and voluntary commitments regarding deforestation as relevant.

Businesses are expected to identify their material risks, including where they source deforestation-risk commodities, and have governance in place to manage those risks, including appropriate levels of visibility through the relevant supply chains. We expect any claims made by our businesses regarding their management of deforestation risk to be supported by appropriate evidence, such as physical traceability, credible certification models, geospatial monitoring or other recognised assurance approaches.

ABF reports annually on deforestation-related issues through CDP and on its Responsibility website and will continue to develop its reporting on this topic where data quality, traceability and relevance allow.