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PEFC – HIGH LEVEL COMMITMENT

Natural rubber is produced by the rubber tree *Hevea Brasiliensis*. To collect the latex milk from the tree, an incision is made in the bark of the rubber tree – which is called ‘tapping’.

The production of natural rubber can be characterised with ecological and in some cases severe social problems. Low world market prices for natural rubber make it more and more difficult for latex producers to make a living from tapping rubber. Furthermore, studies document cases of extremely poor working conditions.

PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) is a global system that promotes sustainable forest management. Sustainable forest management certification assures that forests are managed in line with highly challenging environmental, social and economic requirements. For natural rubber with PEFC claim, the fundamental social expectations on all our suppliers are stated in detail in our Code of Conduct presented on our [website](#). Our Code of Conduct is aligned with the principles and guidelines laid out in the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights.

The certification is required for all entities in the process, from producing raw material to distributing and producing final products. Our PEFC certified suppliers’ compliance with the PEFC-standard is assessed on yearly basis.

Erteco Rubber & Plastics AB and its employees are committed to comply with the PEFC Chain of Custody standard program.

Best regards

Erteco Rubber and Plastics

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