

RE: Food standards Amendment (truth in labeling - Palm oil) Bill 2009

Dear Sir,

As a consumer, I demand the right to full and accurate food labeling information in relation to the use of palm oil. Palm oil should not be allowed to be listed as an ingredient as "vegetable oil". As I want the choice not to consume palm oil.

I believe the current production of palm oil in South East Asia is done unsustainably causing significant harm to wildlife, particularly the loss of habitat for orang-utans. Orang-utans, one of mans closest relatives are genuinely under threat of extinction, primarily due to palm oil cultivation in their natural habitat.

After all this is a vegetable derived oil, there are many alternatives. I ask that national food standards are amended to allow for true labeling of palm oil, so that I have the knowledge to choose not to buy palm oil.

Please push this bill through parliament.

Regards Lorraine Jolly