

Mr Chris Porta

Ref: Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

Dear Community Affairs Legislation Committee,

I would like to support the action for mandatory labeling of palm oil in Australia and New Zealand.

Find below a non exhaustive list of products which I personally use to determine where palm oil is being disguised. This does make me as a consumer easily confused determining where palm oil is or is not an ingredient and believe that mandatory labeling will be a great answer for this current source of confusion.

Bio-fuel: E10 petroleum & diesel.

Food: Palm Oil Kernel, AKA vegetable oil (unsaturated), Sodium Laureth Sulphate, Sodium Lauryl Sulphates, Sodium dodecyl Sulphate (SDS or NaDS), Palmate, & Palmitate.

Cosmetics: Elaeis, Guineensis, Glyceryl Stearate, & Stearic Acid.

Chemicals which contain palm oil: Steareth -2, Steareth -20, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate, Sodium Lauryl sulfoacetate (coconut and/or palm), Hydrated palm glycerides, Sodium isostearoyl, lactylate (derived from vegetable stearic acid), Cetyl palmitate & Octyl palmitate (all products with palmitate)

I encourage your committee to pass in favour the bill for the mandatory labeling of all products containing the ingredient, palm oil. In order for consumers like me to continue to have faith in our current food systems.

Yours sincerely,

C Porta.

Submissions should be emailed to: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au by the 24 April 2010.