

Dear Ahold Delhaize shareholders,

The annual shareholders' meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 April. This is a crucial moment to draw attention to real sustainability. The world is in lockdown because of COVID-19, but the destruction of the natural world continues unabated. Meanwhile it's becoming clear that we have to change our ways. Cargill's practices - such as deforestation for animal feed production - are harmful to humanity.

Rainforest conservation is fundamental to solving the climate crisis. According to the [UN Environment Programme](#) deforestation is responsible for over 30% of outbreaks of infectious disease, due to increasing proximity between humans and wildlife that can carry diseases. Deforestation must therefore stop, as soon as possible.

That is why we ask Ahold Delhaize to cut the ties with Cargill, until Cargill promises to stop:

- Deforestation of the Amazon for animal husbandry and animal feed;
- Human rights violations such as [child slavery](#) for cocoa production and expulsion of [indigenous peoples](#) from their lands for animal feed production;
- Environmental pollution, such as [groundwater pollution](#) from Cargill's slaughterhouses in the United States.

According to a [report](#) by the American environmental organization Mighty Earth, Cargill is the most destructive agribusiness company in the world. Ahold Delhaize is identified in the Mighty Earth report as a key Cargill customer who can take immediate action.

Ahold Delhaize signed an [agreement](#) in 2010 to combat deforestation. Nevertheless, the group continues to cooperate with Cargill, which has no effective policy to combat deforestation. For example, Ahold Delhaize recently opened a new meat packaging plant in the US as a [joint venture](#) with Cargill. Ahold Delhaize has the power to stop Cargill. The constant inactivity makes Ahold complicit in Cargill's crimes.

We call on you, the shareholders, to keep Ahold Delhaize accountable to its sustainable promises, and to pressure Cargill to stop deforestation, pollution and human rights violations.

Somebody stop Cargill. Let's put Ahold on this!

Yours sincerely,

Animal Rebellion, Extinction Rebellion, Climate Save Movement, Mighty Earth, Free West Papua Campaign, Even Geen Vlees, Animal Save Movement, Animal Resistance, Health Save Movement