

ACTION DAY: THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN DO

Today is the shareholders meeting of Ahold Delhaize. Send a message to Ahold Delhaize and their daughter company Albert Heijn to ask them to cut ties Cargill and stop deforestation.

Copy/paste one of these messages on [Albert Heijn](#) Facebook, send a Tweet to Ahold (@AholdDelhaize) or call Ahold on +31 88 659 9111:

Ahold signed a statement in 2010 promising to end deforestation. But Ahold is still working with Cargill and Cargill creates a lot of deforestation. Ahold, cut ties with Cargill!
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The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) indicates that deforestation is linked to 30 percent of new and emerging infectious disease outbreaks. Furthermore, nature is essential in the fight against climate change. Ahold, stop the destruction Cargill wreaks. Cut ties with Cargill.
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Ahold, keep your promises: cut ties with Cargill until Cargill promises to stop deforestation.
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Ahold, respect the environment: cut ties with Cargill until Cargill promises to stop groundwater pollution in the US. #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

Ahold, respect human rights: cut ties with Cargill until Cargill promises to stop human rights violations. #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

Ahold, respect human rights: cut ties with Cargill until Cargill banishes child labor.
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Ahold, respect human rights: cut ties with Cargill until Cargill stops displacing indigenous people from their land. #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

Cargill is the largest and most destructive agri company in the world. Ahold: stop the destruction of nature, end the partnership with Cargill. #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

The world is in lockdown because of COVID-19, but Cargill continues to destroy the natural world. That's why we call on Ahold: cut ties with Cargill. #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

Cargill harms humanity through the deforestation. Ahold can stop this! Ahold, cut the tie with Cargill. #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

Longer texts:

Cargill must adopt sustainable farming practices, comprehensive greenhouse gas reduction targets, full transparency for sourcing and supply chains, and respect the rights of indigenous peoples. Only then, when Cargill is no longer the Worst Company in the World, can Ahold Delhaize and others resume their purchases of Cargill products in good conscience.
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Last year the burning of the Amazon captured the world's conscience, while today deforestation rates hit a new high in the first 2 months of 2020.

The incentive for the destruction comes from large-scale international meat and soy animal feed companies like Cargill, and the brands like Ahold Delhaize (Albert Heijn, Etos, Ah.nl, AH to Go, Stop & Shop), that buy from Cargill and sell to the public. It is these companies that are creating the international demand that finances the fires and deforestation.

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Six years ago, Cargill, stood on stage at the Climate Summit in New York and proclaimed their commitment to removing deforestation from their supply chains by 2020. They have yet to deliver on this commitment. Now, with deforestation in the Amazon accelerating it is far past time to act. This company must take responsibility for the impacts of their products. They must eliminate the market incentives that promote this reckless environmental destruction. The Consumer Goods Forum and companies like McDonald's, Burger King, and Ahold Delhaize – which owns Albert Heijn supermarkets – cannot continue to look the other way while the Amazon burns. You should source only from suppliers and regions that show evidence of eliminating deforestation. Not in another ten years. Not in five years. Not in one year. Now. Today.

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Ahold Delhaize is Netherlands-based supermarket powerhouse which owns the brands Stop & Shop, Giant, Food Lion, and Hannaford in the United States and Albert Heijn, Delhaize, Etos, Albert, Alfa-Beta, and others across Europe. While consistently touting its sustainability commitments, Ahold continues selling its customers products from some of the worst companies in the world. With knowledge of Cargill's ongoing child labor issues and its role in deforestation across South America, Ahold has simultaneously launched a joint venture partnership with them to provide their meat to supermarkets.

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The deforestation crisis in Brazil and Bolivia wouldn't be happening without companies like Cargill, and their customers – companies like Ahold Delhaize – who create the market demand that finances the destruction.

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Cargill is responsible for the people who have died from eating contaminated Cargill meat, the child laborers who grow the cocoa Cargill sells for the world's chocolate, the Americans who drink water polluted by Cargill, the Indigenous People displaced by vast deforestation to make way for Cargill's animal feed, and the ordinary consumers who've paid more to put food on the dinner table because of Cargill's financial misdoings — all have felt the impact of this agribusiness giant.

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Supermarket giant Ahold Delhaize (owner of Albert Heijn, and other brands) may say it wants to provide responsible meat, but it cannot do so as long as it is in a joint venture with Cargill to supply their products. We have repeatedly called on Cargill to change. But Cargill has just as repeatedly defied these calls. If these businesses want to fulfill their environmental and human rights policies, they must go beyond polite encouragement to shifting their purchases to more responsible companies. Only by holding Cargill and its customers publicly accountable can we force them to change.

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A timeline of Cargill bad behaviour: https://www.mightyearth.org/cargill_timeline Throughout its history, Cargill has exhibited a disturbing and repetitive pattern of deception and destruction. Their behaviour has ranged from violating trade embargoes and price fixing, to ignoring health

codes and creating markets for goods produced with child and forced labor. Just in the past 20 years Cargill has been responsible for deadly food poisoning outbreaks, dumping waste in rivers causing 1000's of deaths, union busting, dumping 60 million gallons of toxic waste into the sea, price-fixing, forced child labour, Uzbeki slavery, criminal activity, systemic violations, intimidating villagers in Indonesia, systemic racial and gender discrimination, tax evasion, slave labour, illegal land grabs, and of course illegal deforestation.

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Cargill is making enormous profit from the international trade system that is causing all this food instability around the world. This corporate behemoth is behind almost every aspect of the worldwide agricultural system with no accountability for consumer health, the environment or human rights." - Food & Water Watch Executive Director Wenonah

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More than one million square kilometers of the planet have been cleared of their natural vegetation to grow soy, one of the primary ingredients of animal feed used to raise meat. More than three quarters of the world's soy is used to feed livestock. Cargill is one of the two largest customers of industrial scale deforestation. Ahold, cut ties with Cargill! #somebodystopcargill #letsputaholdonthis #PlanetVSCargill

Producing meat has a larger environmental impact than almost any other human activity. Cargill is the largest supplier of ground beef in the world. Feeding and raising meat consumes more land and freshwater than any other industry, and the industry's waste byproducts rank among the top sources of pollution around the world.

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The Dutch company Ahold Delhaize operates 6,500 stores under 21 local brands in 11 countries. In meetings and conversations with environmental groups going back years, Ahold Delhaize staff have acknowledged the issues with Cargill meat and animal feed, and repeatedly pledged to act. But despite all this rhetoric, and their deep knowledge of Cargill's environmental and social offences, Ahold Delhaize announced in May of 2018 that rather than moving away from Cargill, they were going to draw even closer. They launched a major joint venture with Cargill for a new 200,000-square-foot "Infinity Meat Solutions" packaging plant to provide Ahold Delhaize's US stores with beef, ground beef, pork and "creative prepared meats for meal solutions". In clear contrast with its words, Ahold Delhaize is rewarding Cargill with a massive market, making Albert Heijn customers unknowingly and unnecessarily complicit in Cargill's misdeeds.

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