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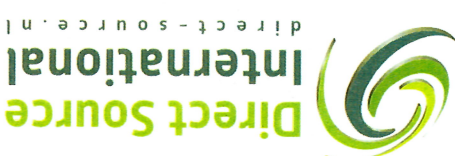
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Introduction

Direct Source International (DSI) has been working for years to make growing and supplying of fruit more sustainable. To achieve this goal, the entire supply chain and DSI enterprise needs to contribute to this process.

In 2021, we started a partnership with CO2 Correct. Together with this company we began compensating the carbon impact of the product that we sell under the CO2 Correct label. This label shows that the CO2 impact of the purchased fruit is compensated. Through this label sustainability is more accessible and visible to the consumers. At the beginning of 2022 we started to cooperate with Climate Neutral Group. With this collaboration we hope to make a real difference in this world. Our goal is not only to reduce CO2, but also to contribute to a more sustainable world in the future. Sustainability is one of the core values of Direct Source International, and is a central theme within our company.

The scope for which Direct Source International is certified is initially the oranges from our suppliers. In the future we hope to offer a complete CO2 neutral citrusfruit assortment, which includes at least mandarins and lemons (approx. 90% of retail stores citrusfruit volume)

The management of DSI is involved on a daily basis by discussing sustainability with our buyers and suppliers. By internal meetings the management is involved through updates by the Climate Neutral team members to make the sustainability process of our products as effective and efficient as possible.

Our company culture

We keep moving forward. A motto that never fails to inspire us. We try to put this motto into practice every day, embracing initiatives by our employees and in the communities where we operate.

Our GHG reduction targets

25 % reduction by 2030 for scope: **0,674 kg CO2eq**

Our scope defines the CO2 emissions belonging to the oranges which Direct Source International has imported for retailer PLUS in the year 2020.

2020 was chosen as the baseline year, from this baseline the reduction plan was formed. Our reduction plan will be used in the coming years to work towards the 25% target.

The 25% rate commits us to a 2.5% reduction per year. Together with CNG, we review annually whether the target for that year has been achieved.



We care

We import our fruit from around the world. We are well aware that this has an impact on our (living) environment and that gives us a major responsibility. For our entire chain, we have developed three themes to which DSI actively contributes. Our commitments are 'environment', 'food waste' and 'better living'. We launch various initiatives in these areas.

- Environmental impact of our activities: To help our environment, we initiate and support projects and initiatives that reduce or offset the impact of our actions on the environment. Every day we look at ways to reduce our CO₂ emissions, search for sustainable packaging methods, and join smart transport initiatives. We are also a driving force behind initiatives to reduce water consumption. Choosing the right packaging can make a great difference for the environment. That is why we have invested in topseal machines, ensuring that we use 15% less plastic when sealing a tray of grapes, compared with traditional packaging. Moreover, grapes in topseal packaging have a longer shelf life. DSI believes in taking sustainable responsibilities seriously. More specifically, this means that we look at how we can improve the entire chain, from grower to consumer. Experience has shown that this integrated approach is more profitable than just tackling one part of the chain. That is why we have chosen to partner with CO₂ Correct, an independent consumer label. Together with individual partners, we are looking at how this consumer label can be properly implemented.
 - Reducing food waste: The longer shelf life of products is a strong weapon in the fight against food waste. We are also investigating the possibilities of liquid seals that extend the shelf life of oranges, among others. DSI supports the Food Bank with products that do not find their way to shop shelves fast enough. We also participate in various initiatives that make an important contribution in the fight against food waste. Finally, it goes without saying that we pay close attention to the waste flows in our offices and that we work together to raise awareness and recycle products where possible.
 - For everyone better living: We are the world. That is why we support projects and initiatives that contribute to a better living environment and the health of people in the Netherlands and in the countries where we operate. They contribute to the vitality of our workforce and raise the standard of living. We also like product innovations that improve the working conditions of workers in the fields. In the Netherlands we also focus on a green working environment and the fitness of our workforce. That is why we look out for each other and for the communities in which we operate. Every year, we make several donations to charities that are close to our hearts. DSI's employees can also make suggestions. In recent years, we have donated to "Pink Ribbon" and "Take care of your Neighbour", among others. We also provide a green, healthier working environment and pay attention to the vitality of our workforce.
- Besides above mentioned commitments, we are a proud member of Brave New Food (BNF). Many of their projects and innovations are relevant for us. But our involvement in the Sustainability Initiative Fruit and Vegetables (SIFAV) is also of added value. This platform promotes a sector-wide approach to sustainability in the global supply chain, and that fits in perfectly with the DSI philosophy. After all, this requires a joint effort!

Our climate ambition

To achieve above GHG reduction targets, we want to implement the following reduction measures:

Description of reduction measure	Envisioned CO2 reduction	Envisioned yr of implementation	Status (planned or committed)
1. Creating commitment and awareness with suppliers	0,001200	2022-2024	Committed
2. New sourcing strategy	0,066000	2021-2024	Committed
3. Reduction of pesticides and fertilizers	0,021600	2025-2032	Planned
4. Reduction of post-harvest technologies (fungicides)	0,002400	2025-2032	Planned
5. Reduction in gas/water use on the farms	0,002400	2024-2027	Committed
6. Solar-energy on farms	0,037100	2024-2028	Committed
7. Optimization of transport in origin country (farm to port)	0,006500	2023-2027	Committed
8. Emission reduction plans for international transport (shipping lines)	0,064900	2023-2030	Committed
9. Improve transport in destination country	0,020300	2023-2025	Planned
10. Renewable energy in storage (green)	0,000947	2021-2023	Committed
11. Recycled plastic in consumer packaging nets	0,001888	2024	Planned
12. Insetting?	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined

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