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margarine, fats and oils

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# Responsible Soy: Challenges and Opportunities

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# Presentation



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# 1. Product Board MVO



- Vertical Private Organizations under Public Law
  - Additional to private law organizations for each professional group
- MVO engages in activities that serve both the chain's and the public interests
- Operate as consultative platforms for employers and employees organizations
- Managed by the sector itself
- Financed by trade and industry

# Margarine, Fats and Oils Industry



- Oilseed crushers
- Refiners of vegetable oils
- Producers of margarines and sauces
- Producers of animals fats
- Producers of oleo chemical products
- Traders in animal and vegetable oils and fats

Turnover Oils and Fats sector €5.7 billion

(source CBS Statlin, 2005)

# Mission



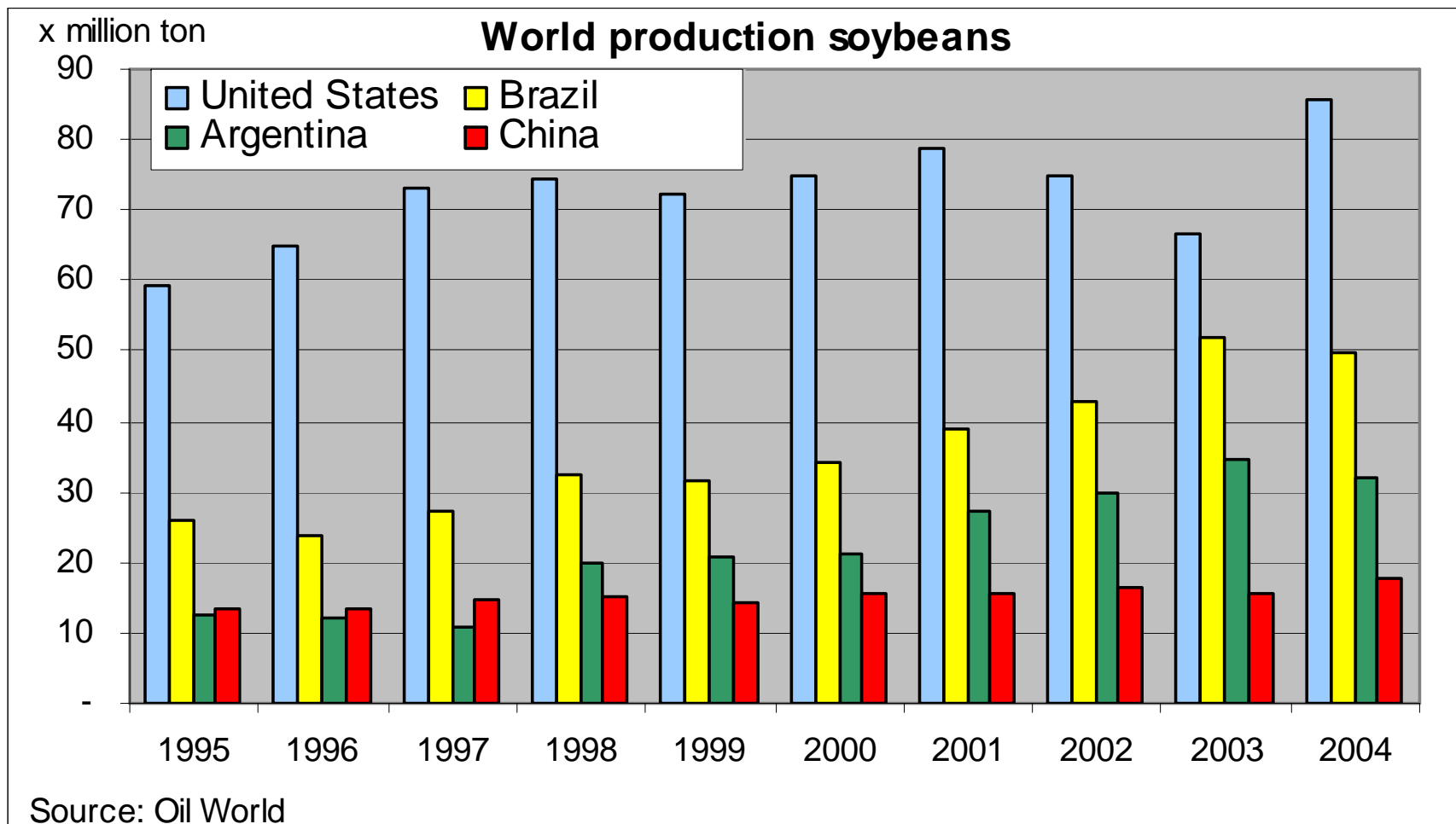
- To promote a socio-economically sound development of the vegetable and animal fats and oils sector

# Sustainability issues

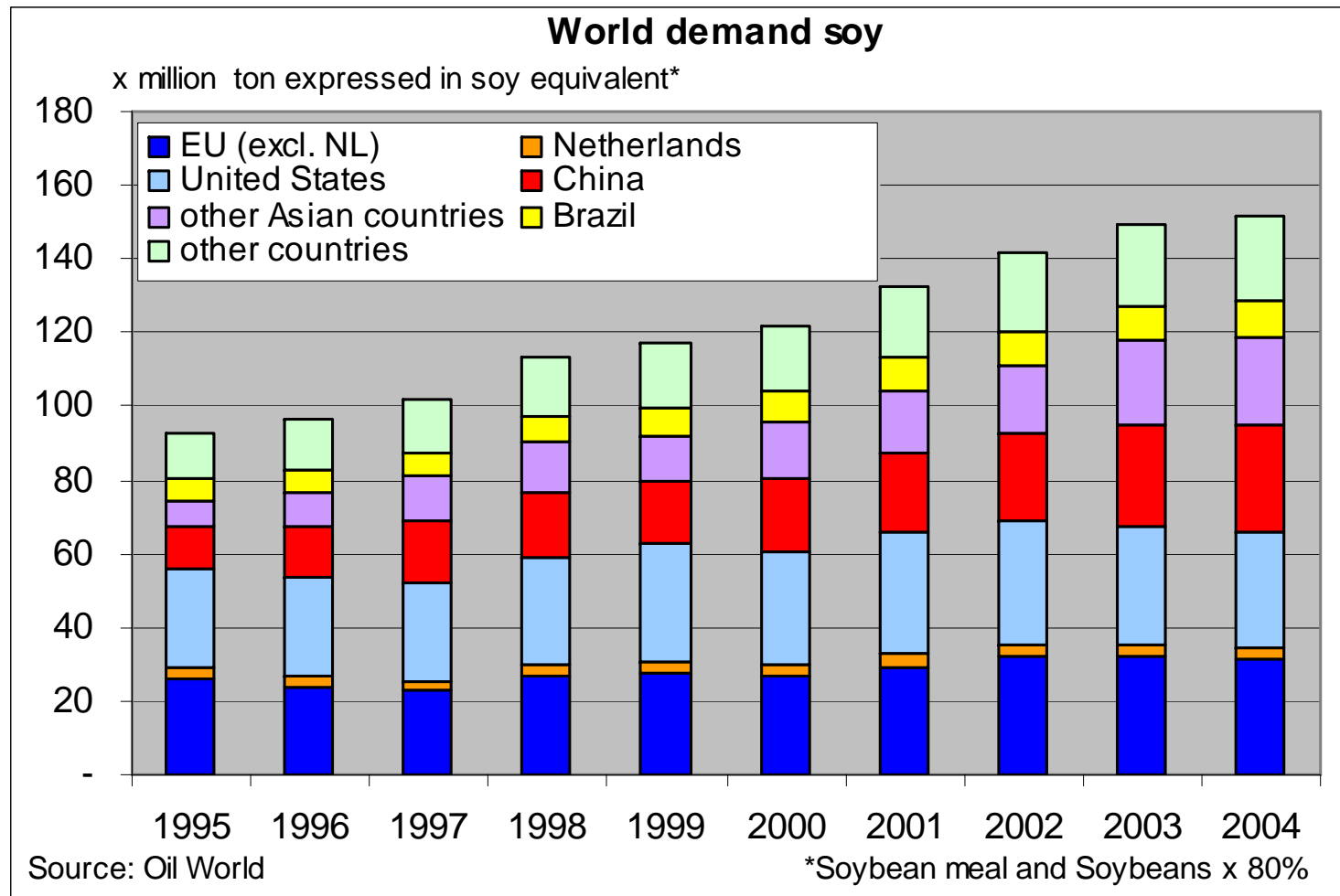


- Energy Efficiency Covenant
- Palm Oil
  - Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil - RSPO
  - Public-private Partnership with Indonesia and Malaysia
- Soy
  - Round Table on Responsible Soy
  - Dutch Task Force Soy
  - Dialogue with Dutch NGOs and Government

## 2. Soy Statistics - production

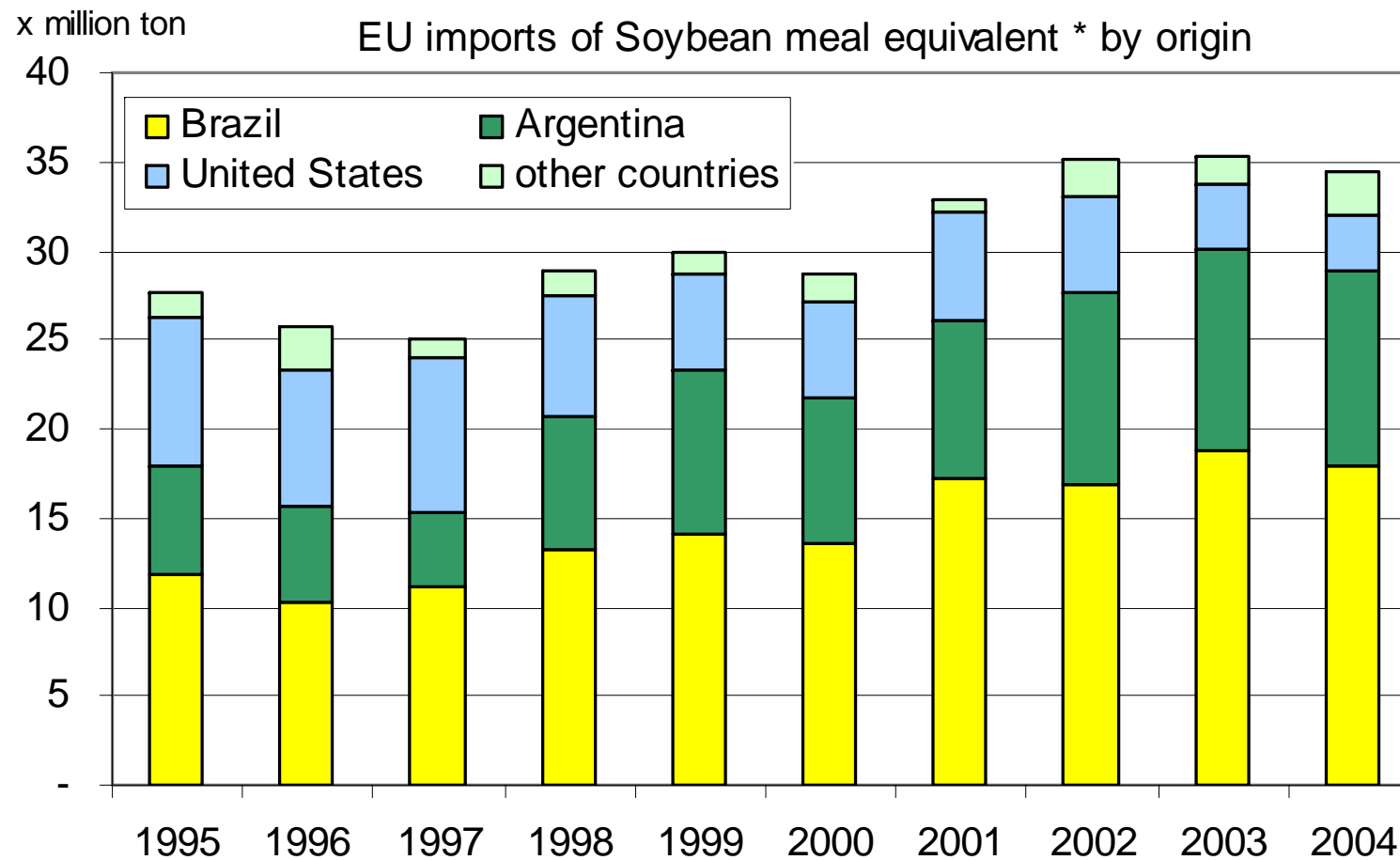


# Soy Statistics – consumption





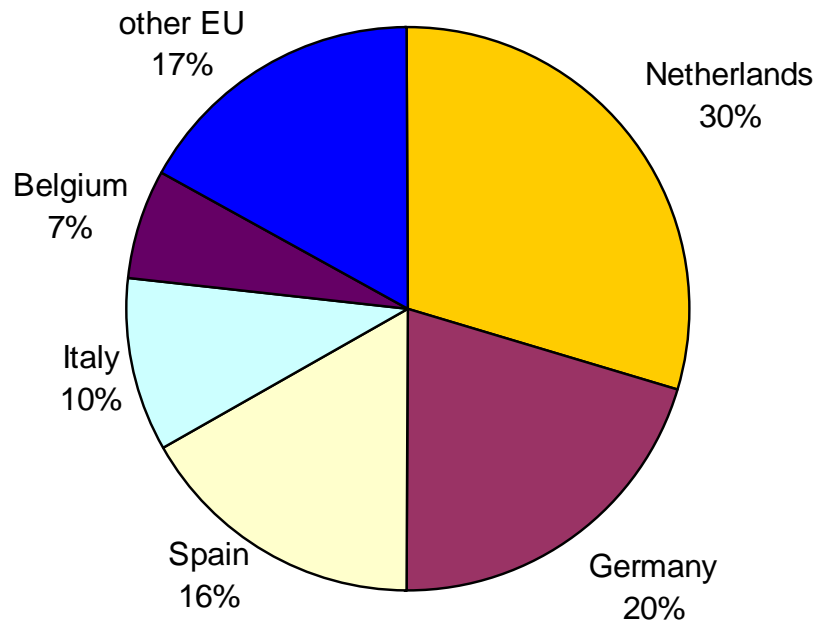
# Soy Statistics – EU imports



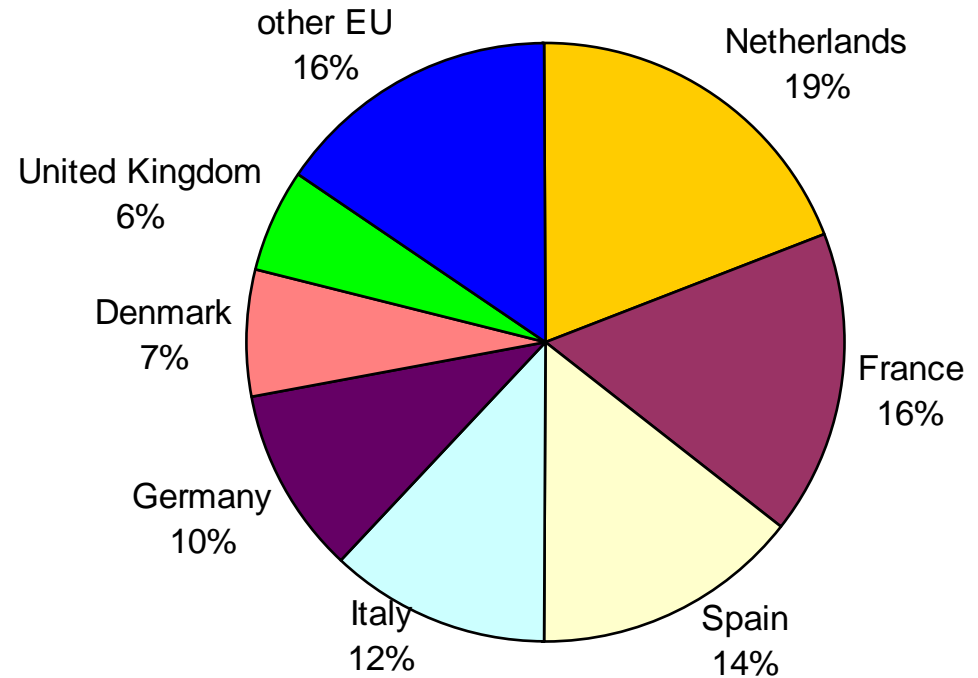
# Soy Statistics – Import per EU MS



EU imports Soybeans, 2004



EU imports Soybean meal, 2004



## Dutch export incl. to Germany



Soy	Total export	Germany
Total	6,2 mln ton	3,4 mln ton
■ Beans	1,5 mln ton	1,2 mln ton
■ Meal	4,6 mln ton	2,1 mln ton
■ Oil	410.000 ton	79.000 ton

Source: Eurostat, 2005

### 3. Position



- Sustainability concerns with respect to soy production should be addressed:
  - Protection of biological diversity
  - Compliance with labor laws
  - Respect of land rights
  - Infrastructure
  - Soil as a key resource
  - Water as a key resource
  - Responsible use of agro-chemicals
  - Small scale and traditional land use
  - Rural communities and migration

# Position



- Support dialogue with all stakeholders to identify and develop possible approaches and share expertise
- Focus on the mainstream production
- Regardless of the end-use (food, feed, fuel)
- Develop globally applicable criteria for the production on an economically viable, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable basis (People, Planet, Profit)
- Criteria should be practically applicable and verifiable
- Develop verification system



## Round Table on Responsible Soy - RTRS

- Forum for discussion and action
- International platform
- Multistakeholder dialogue
- Common basis
- Nine key impacts identified
- RTRS Principles
- Clear structure, legal entity and action plan



## Good Practices

- Adoption of CAAPAS Good Practices in Latin America
- Zero Deforestation Law in Paraguay
- National Pact for Eradication of Slave Labor in Brazil
- Temporary Moratorium on sourcing soy from the Amazon Biome (Abiove and Anec)
- Several initiatives on developing sustainability criteria for soy

## 4. Dutch Task Force Soy



- Partners:
  - Crush and Oils: Cargill, ADM, Bunge, Unilever, MVO
  - Animal Feed Industry: Nutreco, Cehave, Nevedi
  - Meat Industry: Vion Food
  - Dairy Industry: Friesland Foods
- Support the RTRS
  - Content / participation in working groups
  - Financially
- Dialogue with Dutch Soy Coalition and Government
  - Content and financial support



## 5. Next steps



### General Assembly

- May 8-9, Sao Paolo, Brazil
- Approve Work Plan and start the Criteria and Verification Development Group

### ● Membership

- Farmers organizations
- EU companies
- EU NGO's

### ● Support

- Governments (DGIS / SECO / GTZ / LA)
  - Financially and in dialogue with LA governments

# Conclusions



- It is time for responsible soy production
- The RTRS is the international multistakeholder approach to discuss the concerns and develop sustainability criteria for the mainstream soy production
- There are several Good Practices
- Thanks for giving me this opportunity