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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Palm Oil and Palm Kernel Oil products from Malaysia and Indonesia produced from deforested land, with toxic pesticides, and questionable labour practices (abuse of labour particularly, the minority groups) should be BANNED in The USA until such time Oil Palm Plantations and Processing facilities in these countries are inspected and certified by USFDA.

RSPO certification is not only a green washing exercise, but also a self-certification process which is highly questionable. Some of the inspection companies used by RSPO are owned by members of the RSPO !

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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