

Statement from Marfrig Global Foods

Since 2009, Marfrig has maintained a public commitment to “Zero Deforestation” in the Amazon biome. As part of this undertaking, it established strategic and operational guidelines that are transformed into concrete action to strengthen control of its cattle sourcing and to mitigate any risks of sourcing cattle from critical zones associated with deforestation and improper and illegal work conditions.

Marfrig maintains a rigorous animal sourcing policy and a protocol of criteria and procedures that are prerequisites for approving suppliers. To ensure compliance with all sourcing requirements set forth in the policy and protocol, Marfrig has created and maintains a supplier Monitoring Platform.

The platform adopts a satellite geomonitoring and georeferencing system to monitor the production processes and social and environmental practices of all Marfrig suppliers, which must rigorously comply with the criteria and good practices established in the policy. Developed by the company Geoflorestas, the tool monitors all farms that supply animals to Marfrig’s processing plants. The system crosschecks the georeferenced data and farm documents with official public information to identify potential nonconformities, which helps to prevent the purchase of cattle from producers that raise cattle on deforested or banned areas, conservation units or indigenous land or that use slave labor, in accordance with the sourcing protocol.

When noncompliance is identified in any of the criteria, the farm is prohibited from supplying cattle to Marfrig until it substantiates full compliance. From the moment a farm is registered by Marfrig and begins to be monitored, it is subject to the requirements and sanctions determined in the policy. All Brazilian biomes are covered by the platform, with geospatial deforestation monitoring implemented in the Amazon biome.

The monitoring platform in the Amazon Biome also includes an independent audit conducted by DNV-GL ensuring that the monitoring platform is functioning effectively in preventing the acquisition of illegitimate cattle in the region. For the seventh consecutive year, the audit report shows that not a single purchase was identified that did not fulfil all aspects of the 2009 public commitment.