



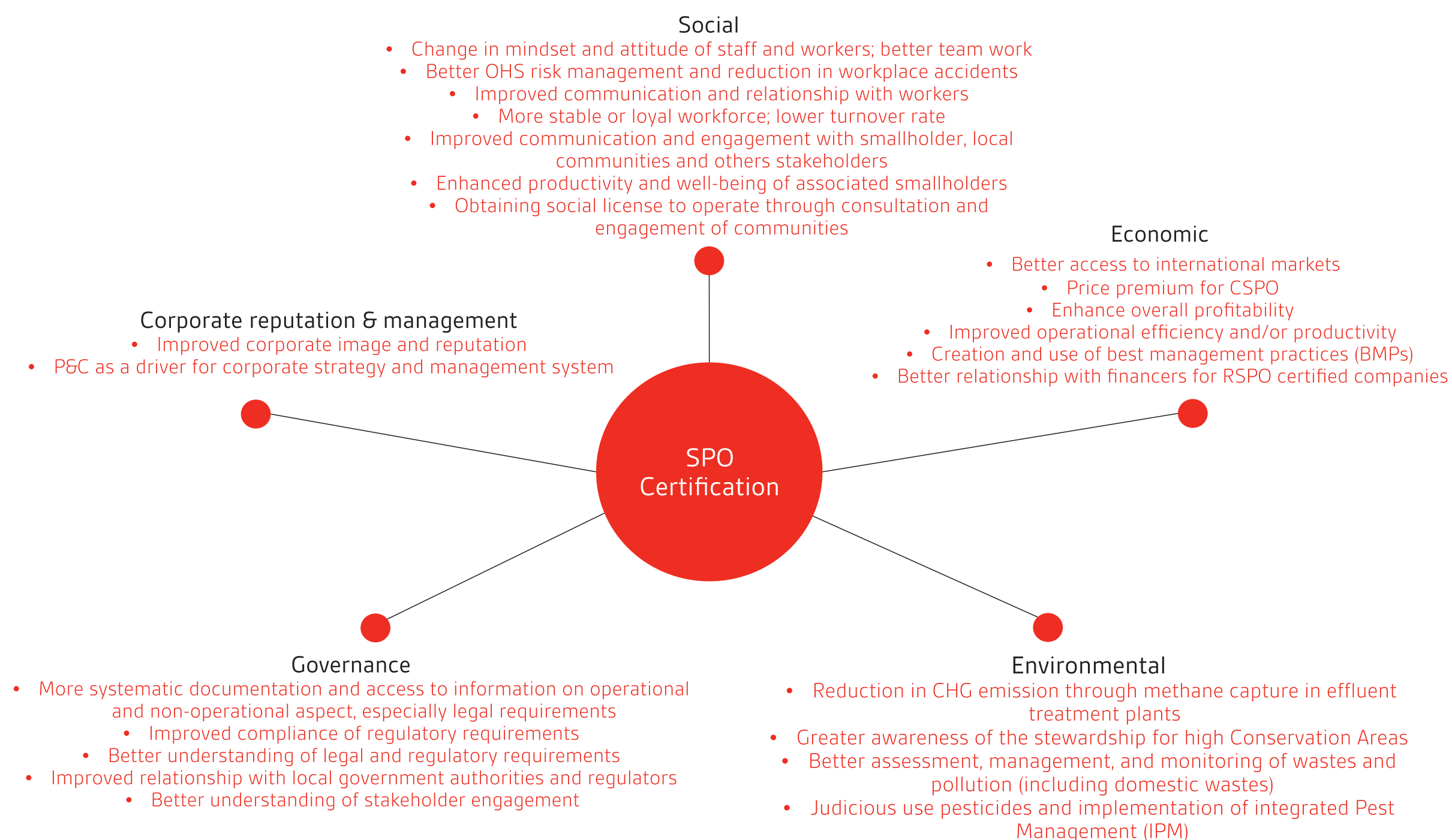
Making Excellence in sustainable palm oil production  
**SPO Certification with BSI is the best solution.**

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# Our SPO certification gives you benefits at all aspects and sectors.

## Benefits of SPO Certification



## RSPO is so unique why?

By and large, any one or anybody can certify anything, there being little legal restrictions on that, and, indeed, there are already a plethora of certificates and standards being awarded these days. The crux of the matter is the credibility and usefulness of the certification – basically, who will believe or use it.

They produce about 40% of the world's palm oil and are processors or users of more than 30%. Key social and environmental NGOs lend their sighting to the processes for greater transparency and credibility. As all the members are bound to accept RSPO certification on each other, the value of the status is quite universal.

Source : [www.rspo.org](http://www.rspo.org)

RSPO's current members comprise organisations, companies and individuals whose reputation decides their standing as global citizens.

# With SPO Certification can help you to achieve a sustainable palm oil future.

## Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil

### Overview

Palm oil is amongst the world's most consumed food ingredients and is also one of the most lucrative agriculture crops.

Though lucrative, palm oil cultivation is perceived to have some negative impacts. Among them are the displacement of traditional land users, unnecessary deforestation & loss of biodiversity.

To address this concern several stakeholders in the palm oil industry came together to establish the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

The principal objective of RSPO is to "promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil products through credible global standards and engagement of stakeholders."

To achieve this principal objective, members of the RSPO created the RSPO principles and criteria. The members are required to be compliant with the principles and criteria so that they may publically claim to produce or use 'sustainable palm oil'.

### The RSPO Principles and Criteria

**Principle 1** - Commitment to transparency

**Principle 2** - Compliance with applicable law and regulations

**Principle 3** - Commitment to long-term economic and financial viability

**Principle 4** - Use of appropriate best practices by growers and planters

**Principle 5** - Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity

**Principle 6** - Responsible consideration of employees and individuals and communities affected by growers and mills

**Principle 7** - Responsible development of new plantings

**Principle 8** - Commitment to continuous improvement in key areas of activities

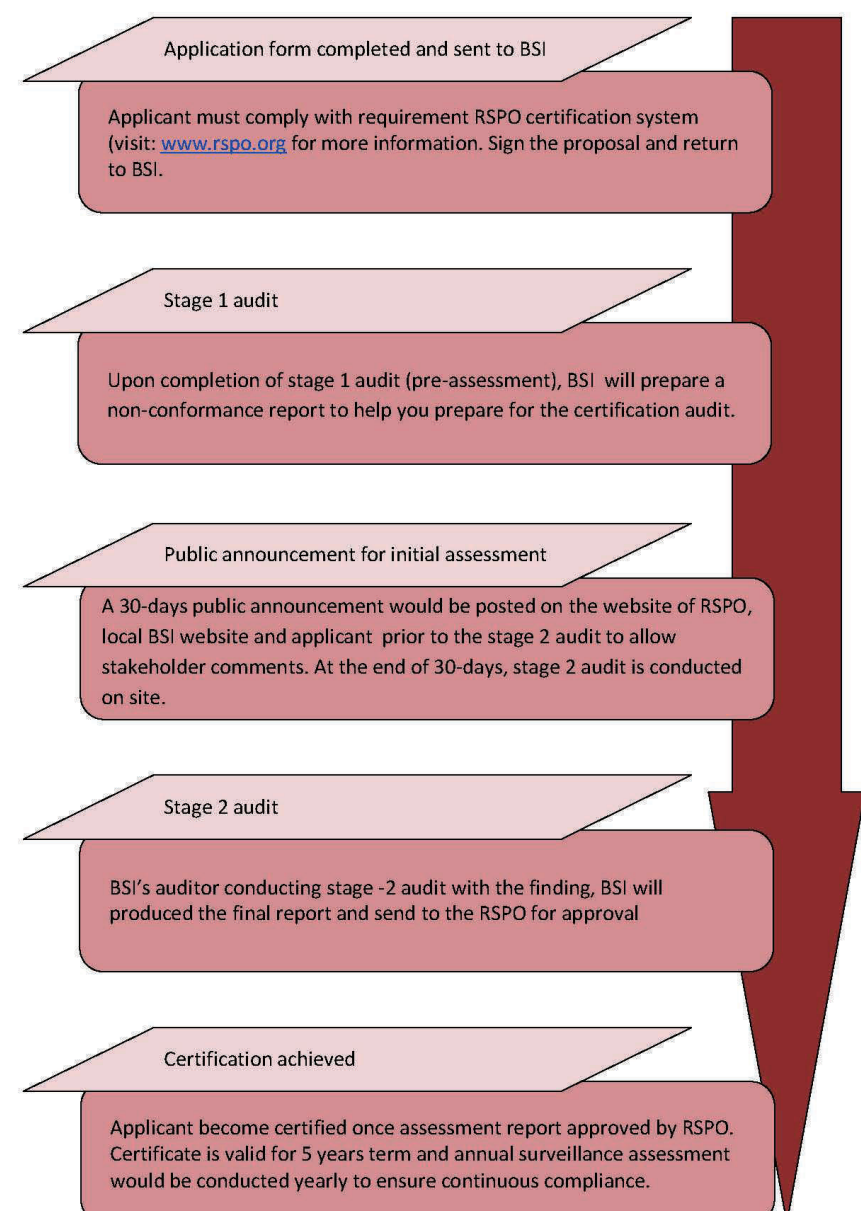
### Benefits of RSPO Certification

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative on sustainable palm oil. Members and participants in its activities come from many different backgrounds and include environmental NGOs, banks and investors, growers, processors, manufacturers and retailers of palm oil products and social NGOs. They come from many countries that produce or use palm oil. The principal objective of the RSPO is "to promote the growth and use of sustainable palm oil through co-operation within the supply chain and open dialogue between its stakeholders."

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### How do I get certified?

An RSPO initial assessment is conducted by BSI to verify that the management systems implemented in the Palm Oil Mill and its supply base have complied with the 8 RSPO Principle and Criteria. Here is how you can get certified.



## RSPO Supply Chain Certification

Companies who need supply chain certification in order to make RSPO claims will ultimately need to demonstrate to an RSPO accredited certification body that they comply with the requirements of the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standards.

The oil palm products may go through many production and logistical stages between the grower and the product. Any individual batch of palm oil and palm kernel oil can be traded through one of four supply chain mechanisms that are approved by RSPO

- Identity Preserved
- Segregated
- Mass Balance
- Book and Claim

## RSPO Supply Chain Certification Process

Companies who wish to sell products with RSPO claims or use the RSPO trademark on-product need to go through the RSPO supply chain certification process.

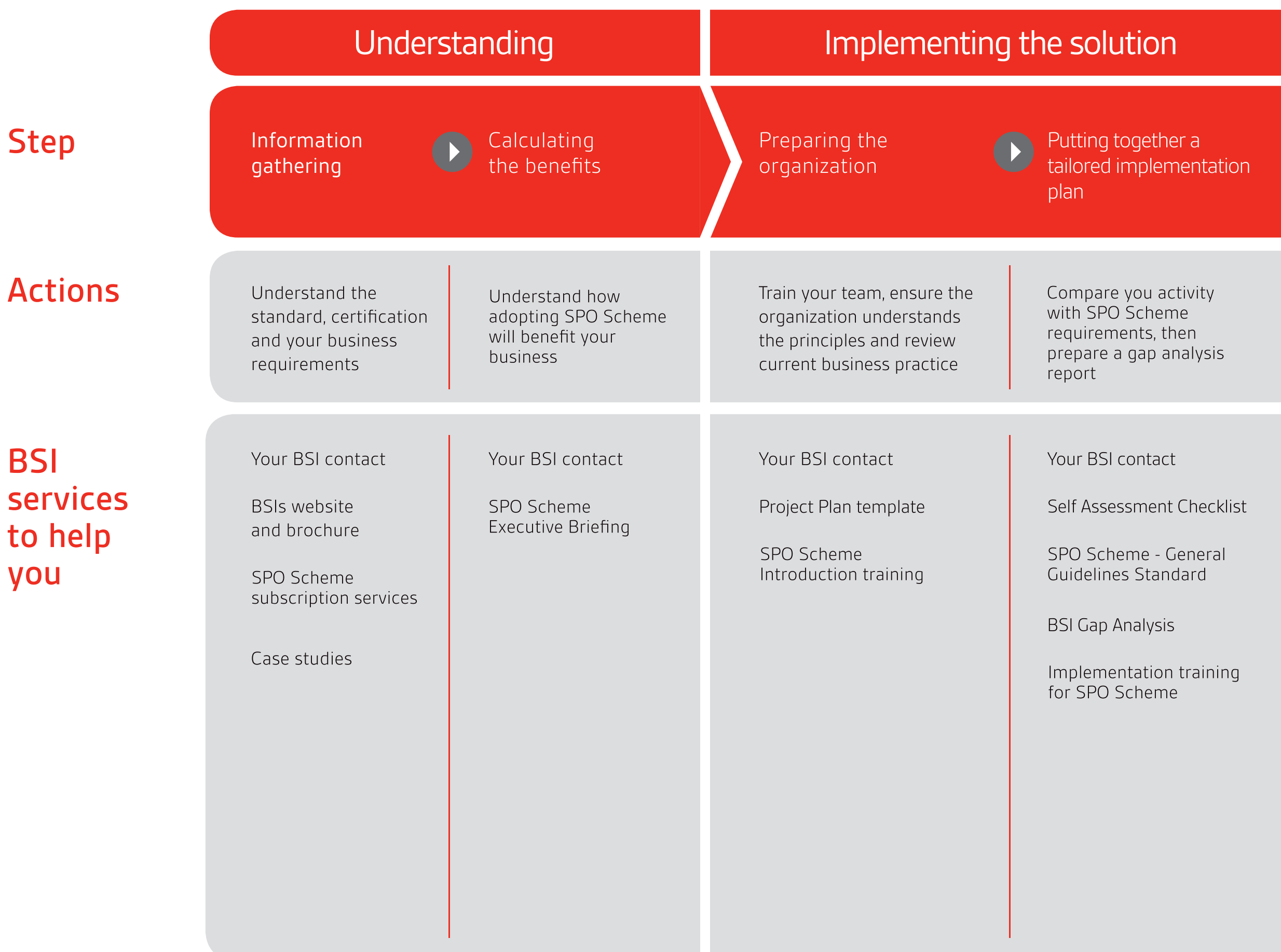
### Initial Assessment evaluation

This will normally involve the visit of an auditor who will go through all relevant clauses of the standards to verify that the company can demonstrate compliance.

### Surveillance

Once the company has achieved certification, it then undergoes an annual audit to verify that it is still operating its chain of custody system correctly and that it can still demonstrate full compliance as with the initial assessment, the auditor may find areas of non-compliance for which a non-conformity report will need to be raised.

### A Simple guide for your SPO Certification journey with BSI





### Re-evaluation

At the end of five years the certificate will automatically expire and the company must decide if it wishes to continue with its certification. If the company does want to continue, the re-evaluation audit should take place no less than three months before the expiry date of the certificate - so it is essential to provide plenty of time to deal with any non-conformities or other unforeseen circumstances

## For enquiry on SPO Certification and assessment service, please contact:

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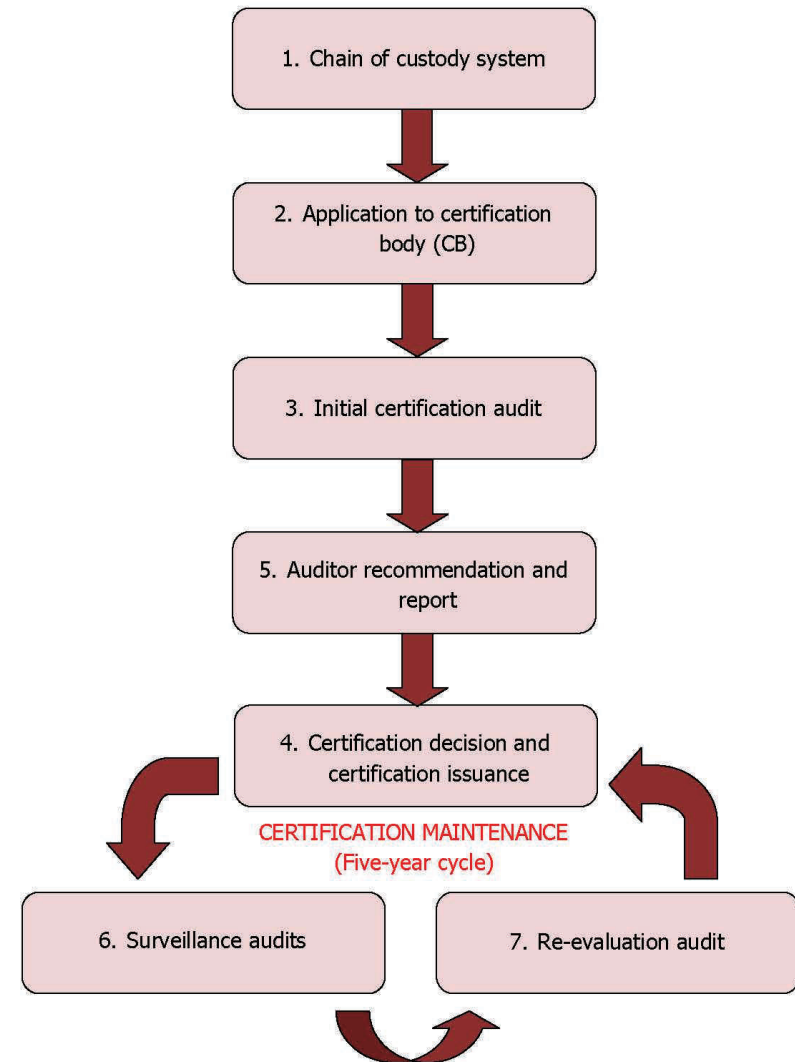
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### RSPO supply chain certification process



## Getting certified

Running the system



Proving its working

Review the system to ensure it meets the standards requirements

BSI will carry out a system and document assessment plus a system effectiveness assessment

Your BSI contact  
Internal Auditor training for SPO Scheme

BSI Certification Assessment

## Making excellence a habit

Looking for opportunities for continual improvement

Celebrate and promote your certification, then review the systems and processes

BSI Certificate in SPO Scheme  
SPO Scheme Registered Auditor Qualification  
BSI's unique client portal helps you to market your success