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Dalian Yada Industrial Co., Ltd.

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Responsible Sourcing. Sustainable Manufacturing. Trusted Global Supply.

Wooden & Bamboo Products for Global Food, Dairy and Foodservice Brands



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A Message from YADA

Ice cream sticks and wooden foodservice products sit at a small but constant point of contact between our customers' brands and the people who use them every day. That gives us a responsibility we take seriously: to source the wood we use thoughtfully, to manufacture it safely and cleanly, and to keep improving how we do both.

This report brings together, in one place, how we approach sourcing, materials, manufacturing, product safety, packaging, and our supply chain. It is written for the procurement, quality, and sustainability teams of the food, dairy, and foodservice brands we supply - as a starting point for due diligence, not the final word. Where a claim depends on a specific certificate, test result, or figure, we say so, and we point to where that documentation can be reviewed.

This is a working document that we are actively building out with verified data and supporting evidence. We update it as new documentation and performance data become available, and we welcome direct questions from any customer or partner evaluating YADA as a supplier.



About YADA

YADA is the export brand of Dalian Yada Industrial Co., Ltd., a manufacturer of wooden ice cream sticks, wooden and bamboo cutlery, and related disposable wood and bamboo products, based in Dalian, China, and has been manufacturing since 1996.

YADA manufactures for international food, dairy, and foodservice brands, with export operations reaching 60+ countries and regions across Europe, Southeast Asia, South America, North America, the Middle East, Africa, and Oceania.



YADA at a Glance

30+ Years Manufacturing Experience (since 1996)	3 Production Bases Worldwide	60+ Export Markets Served
200+ Employees	330+ Production Equipment Units	85% Material Utilization Rate

Production Bases



Dalian Headquarters



Fujian Bamboo Base



Overseas Production Base

Base	Details
Dalian Headquarters	16,500 m ² total, including a 3,000 m ² Class 100,000 clean workshop and 3,150 m ² warehouse. ISO, GMP, BRC, and Sedex certified. 180 pieces of production equipment.
Fujian Bamboo Base	42,000 m ² dedicated bamboo processing base (88,600 m ² total planned area), supported by a 10,000 m ² warehouse and 150+ production machines to ensure stable, high-volume supply.
Overseas Production Base	High-efficiency birch-processing lines supporting daily container-load output.

Annual Production Capacity

Product Category	Annual Capacity
Ice Cream Sticks & Spoons	Over 10 billion pieces
Wooden Cutlery	Over 600 million pieces
Bamboo Products	17,000 tons

YADA partners with global brands to deliver consistent quality, reliable supply, and scalable manufacturing solutions for the dairy and frozen dessert sectors.



Our Sustainability Framework

YADA's sustainability approach is organized around five areas that reflect what our customers most often ask us to demonstrate: where our wood comes from, how our products are designed, how our factory manages its environmental impact, how we ensure product safety, and how we manage our people and suppliers. Supporting documentation for all five areas is consolidated in the Evidence & Verification section of this report.

01 Responsible Sourcing

Where our wood and bamboo raw materials come from, and how traceability works.

02 Sustainable Materials & Product Design

Why we select the materials we use, and how our products help brands move beyond plastic.

03 Environmental & Manufacturing Performance

How our factory manages energy, water, waste, and material efficiency - including packaging.

04 Product Safety & Compliance

How we ensure our products are safe for food contact and meet destination-market regulations.

05 Responsible Supply Chain

How we manage labor practices, workplace safety, and supplier standards.

1. Responsible Sourcing & Material Traceability

As a wooden and bamboo products manufacturer, the single biggest question our customers ask is where the raw material comes from. YADA's sourcing approach rests on three commitments: use fast-growing, renewable species, work with raw material suppliers who can be identified and assessed, and move toward documented traceability rather than relying on general assurances.



Our Raw Materials

Material	Sourcing Detail
Birch (main wood material)	Sourced from China, 10+ qualified wood suppliers
Aspen (secondary wood material)	Sourced from China, alongside birch
Moso Bamboo	Sourced from cultivated bamboo forests in China, 50+ qualified bamboo suppliers, approx. 150,000 tons purchased annually

How Traceability Works

Our traceability approach follows these stages from raw material to shipment:



Where a customer's order requires batch or lot identification, this is coordinated as part of the order process. Full details on how suppliers are qualified, audited, and reviewed are set out in Section 6, Responsible Supply Chain.

Certification

- FSC® Chain of Custody certified, supporting responsibly sourced wood and bamboo raw material claims (most recent certificate valid until 2026).

2. Sustainable Materials & Product Design

Wooden ice cream sticks and disposable wood products exist as an alternative to single-use plastic. Wood is a renewable, biodegradable material, and that is the core sustainability value YADA's products offer to the brands that use them.



Ice Cream Sticks & Spoons



Wooden Cutlery



Bamboo Products

How Our Products Support Brand Sustainability Goals

- Wood is a renewable material, in contrast to petroleum-based plastics.
- Wood and bamboo products are biodegradable and compostable under appropriate conditions, supporting customers' own plastic-reduction and packaging commitments.
- Products are manufactured to be food-safe for direct contact with frozen desserts, confectionery, and other food applications.
- Product specifications (dimensions, finish, packaging) can be adapted to a customer's own sustainability or design requirements.

Our Materials

Birch

- Our main wood material: a fast-growing hardwood widely used in food-contact wooden products for its light color, low odor and taste transfer, and smooth, splinter-resistant finish when properly processed.
- Typical applications: ice cream sticks, spoons, tongue depressors, and craft sticks.
- Sourced from China through a base of 10+ qualified suppliers.

Aspen

- Used alongside birch as a secondary wood material for select product lines.

Bamboo (Moso)

- A rapidly renewable grass rather than a tree, reaching harvestable maturity in a few years rather than decades, supporting faster replenishment of raw material stock.
- Sourced from cultivated bamboo forests in China through a base of 50+ qualified suppliers, at a purchase volume of approximately 150,000 tons per year.
- Typical applications: cutlery, stirrers, skewers, and other foodservice disposables.



A Note on Claims

Terms like "biodegradable" and "compostable" depend on end-of-life conditions and local waste infrastructure. YADA supports customers who need to substantiate these claims to their own regulators or retail partners with underlying product and material information.

3. Environmental & Manufacturing Performance

YADA manages its manufacturing facilities with attention to material utilization, energy use, water use, and waste handling. We are building toward a fuller environmental data disclosure over time. The figures below reflect what has been verified to date.



Environmental Performance - 2026

Indicator	2026 Performance
Material Utilization Rate	85%
Annual Electricity Consumption	Approx. 1,350,000 kWh

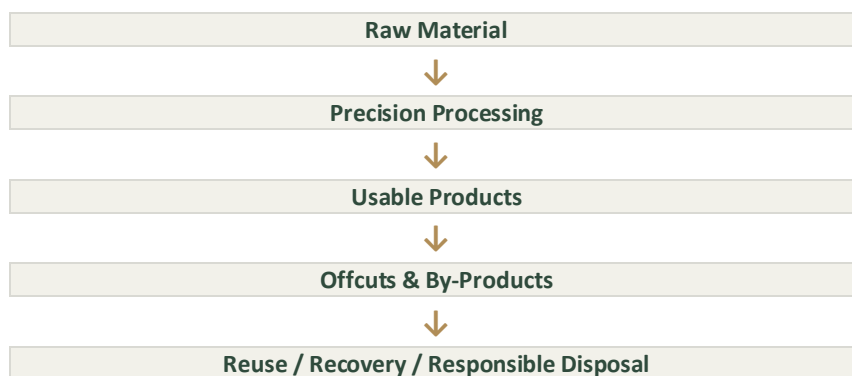
We would rather publish a small number of verified figures than a complete-looking table of unconfirmed estimates. Remaining indicators will be added once verified internally.

4. Waste, By-Products & Packaging

Waste & By-Product Management

Wood processing generates offcuts and by-products at the production stage. How these are handled is a meaningful part of our environmental footprint, separate from the finished product itself. Our current material utilization rate of 85% reflects ongoing attention to minimizing offcut waste at the processing stage.

Our general approach to production waste follows these stages:





Sustainable Packaging & Shipping

As an export manufacturer, packaging and shipping efficiency are part of our environmental impact as much as production itself. Our approach includes:

- Optimizing carton utilization for export shipments to reduce wasted space and material.
- Reviewing packaging specifications to reduce unnecessary packaging materials where product protection allows.
- Offering bulk packaging options that reduce per-unit packaging material for larger orders.
- Considering packaging material choice as part of product and order specification.

5. Product Safety & Compliance

YADA's products are used in direct contact with food, which makes product safety a compliance requirement, not only a sustainability topic. Our approach is to test against the regulatory standards of the markets our customers sell into, and to make that documentation available for import due diligence.



Confirmed Testing Categories

The following test categories are confirmed on file for YADA products:

Test Category	Status
EU Food Contact Test	On file
FDA-Related Compliance	On file
LFGB (Germany / EU)	On file - wooden and bamboo items
Heavy Metals Test	On file
Microbiological Test	On file
Chemical Test	On file
Other Test Reports	On file

Featured Test Reports

- SGS Test Report - Wooden Ice Cream Sticks: sensory evaluation, material defects, moisture content, dimensional tolerance, and machining defects (2025).
- SGS Test Report - Wooden Ice Cream Sticks: microbiological testing (total bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus*) and chemical migration/residue indicators, tested to Chinese national standard GB 4806.12-2022 and YADA's own enterprise standard Q/DYXS 001-2024, which is stricter than the national standard (2024).
- LFGB testing for wooden and bamboo items, respectively, covering sensory testing, formaldehyde migration, pentachlorophenol (PCP) content, and BPA-free label verification, per EU Regulation (EC) 1935/2004 Articles 30 and 31 (2024).

Product Compliance Documentation

Test reports and compliance documentation are maintained by product and material rather than as a single generic document, so customers receive documentation relevant to what they are actually purchasing:

Product Category	Documentation Approach
Wooden Ice Cream Sticks	Maintained per product and material requirements
Wooden Ice Cream Spoons	Maintained per product and material requirements
Wooden Cutlery	Maintained per product and material requirements
Bamboo Products	Maintained per product and material requirements
Foodservice Products	Maintained per product and material requirements

Full test reports, including specific reference numbers and dates, are available to qualified customers upon request.

6. Responsible Supply Chain

YADA's sustainability commitments extend to how our own workforce and upstream raw material suppliers are managed. We operate a formal supplier qualification and assessment system, alongside workplace standards for our own operations.



Supplier Qualification & Admission

New raw material and service suppliers go through a formal admission control process: for each material or service category, 2-3 candidate suppliers are evaluated by a review team through background investigation, a documented qualification review (including a Supplier Investigation & Evaluation Form and on-site inspection scoring), sample verification, pilot trial, and small-batch trial runs, before a supplier is approved and added to YADA's Qualified Supplier List.

Supplier Audits & Document Verification

YADA's Procurement, Quality, and related departments conduct on-site assessments of supplier qualifications. For Class A key raw materials and services, a review team carries out on-site inspections using a Supplier On-Site Inspection Scoring Form. YADA also operates an annual document verification system, requiring suppliers to submit business licenses and certificates, product quality inspection reports, and relevant certification documents for review, filing, and record-keeping.

Ongoing Supplier Performance Review

Procurement and Quality departments track existing suppliers' performance on price, quality, service, and delivery. Under YADA's Supplier Assessment Rules, suppliers are scored monthly and summarized into an annual average, with a formal evaluation of the prior year's supply performance conducted each year.

Quality & Risk-Based Classification

Purchased materials are classified according to their impact on the final product. Class A critical materials - including bamboo and wood tableware raw materials, packaging cartons, and liner bags - are subject to strict scoring and elimination criteria across qualification review, sample verification, trial runs, and ongoing performance evaluation, including deductions and mandatory corrective action within a set timeframe for quality issues.

Environmental & Safety Risk Assessment

Supplier risk assessment and admission control include dedicated environmental and safety risk items, such as allergen, GMO, foreign matter, microbiological, and chemical risk scoring. Qualification review requires suppliers to provide relevant regulatory permits and safety documentation.

Our Own Workplace

- Comply with applicable Chinese labor law covering working hours, wages, and workplace conditions.
- Maintain workplace safety practices appropriate to a wood-processing manufacturing environment.
- Certified to Sedex / SMETA ethical trade standards, covering labor standards, health and safety, environment, and business ethics.

Documentation Available on Request

- Sedex / SMETA social compliance audit.

7. Evidence & Verification

This section consolidates the certificates, testing, audits, and policies referenced throughout this report in one place.

Certificates

- ISO 9001:2015 - Quality Management System (certificate valid 2024-2027).
- BRCGS - Global Standard for Food Safety (valid until 2027.05.10).
- GMP - Good Manufacturing Practice for Human Food (valid until 2027.04.16).
- EUDR - Due Diligence System Assessment Checklist (in place).
- Sedex / SMETA - Social & Ethical Compliance (2025).
- FSC® Chain of Custody - Responsible Wood Sourcing (most recent certificate valid until 2026).

Testing

- SGS - independent third-party testing partner.
- SGS Test Report - sensory, material defects, moisture content, dimensional tolerance, and machining defects, wooden ice cream sticks (2025).
- SGS Test Report - microbiological and chemical migration testing, wooden ice cream sticks, tested to GB 4806.12-2022 and enterprise standard Q/DYXS 001-2024 (2024).
- LFGB testing, wooden and bamboo items, per EU Regulation (EC) 1935/2004 Articles 30 and 31 (2024).
- FDA-related documentation covering wood preservative compliance (2024).
- EU food contact, heavy metals, and chemical testing on file.

Audits

- Sedex SMETA ethical trade audit.
- Customer-led third-party factory audits, conducted on an ongoing basis as part of export order qualification.

Policies & Internal Systems

- Supplier Admission Control Procedure - governs qualification of new raw material and service suppliers.
- Supplier Assessment Rules - governs ongoing annual performance evaluation of existing suppliers.
- Supplier document verification (certificate and documentation review) system.

Full certificate numbers and original documents are available to qualified customers upon request.

Continuous Improvement & Future Commitments

This report is intentionally focused on what YADA can substantiate today. We are not presenting this as a finished or fully audited program - we are presenting where we are, and the direction we intend to keep improving in, over the next three years.

Environmental Goals

- **Energy Efficiency-** Improve energy efficiency through equipment optimization, production planning, and energy consumption monitoring.
- **Material Utilization-** Continue improving raw material utilization through precision processing, production optimization, and waste reduction initiatives.
- **Waste Management-** Strengthen production waste tracking, by-product management, and responsible disposal practices.
- **Packaging Optimization-** Improve packaging efficiency by reducing unnecessary materials and optimizing export shipment utilization.
- **Water Management-** Gradually improve water usage monitoring and resource efficiency across manufacturing operations.

Supply Chain Goals

- **Supplier Sustainability Management-** Continue improving supplier evaluation processes, including quality, safety, and environmental considerations.
- **Traceability Improvement-** Expand raw material traceability coverage through improved documentation and batch management.

We will report progress against these goals in future editions of this report.



About This Report

This Sustainability Report covers Dalian Yada Industrial Co., Ltd. (YADA) and its manufacturing operations. It is intended as an introductory reference for customers, prospective customers, and partners conducting supplier due diligence, and is not an independently audited or third-party-verified report in its own right - it summarizes and points to the certificates, test reports, and audits that are.

Sections marked with source notes indicate documentation that YADA can provide directly to a specific customer or partner on request, including product- and material-specific test reports, policies, and certificates.

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