

## Fairtrade Standard for Flowers and Plants (15.10.2023\_v 2.2)

### Interpretation Notes

<b>Date</b>	<i>November 22 2024</i>																																																				
<b>Reference</b>	<i>Fairtrade Standard for Flowers and Plants</i>																																																				
<b>Affected standard requirement</b>	4.1.4 <b>NEW JAN 2024</b> Collection of environmental data																																																				
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<b>Interpretation</b>	<p><b>Is this requirement currently applicable?</b></p> <p>Following feedback received from our stakeholders that this requirement is not fit for purpose, Fairtrade International has taken the decision to make the requirement non-applicable for all</p>																																																				



	<p>Fairtrade flower and plant companies, until the requirement is revised and content clearly understood by all our stakeholders.</p> <p><b>What does this mean for Fairtrade flower and plant companies that already received non-compliances for this requirement?</b></p> <p>Non-applicability of the requirement will also apply retrospectively. This means that non-conformities that have been issued in the past will be considered unjustified and can be closed by the certification body by evaluating the non-conformity as “resolved” referring to this Interpretation Note (i.e. the non-conformity does not need to be resolved by the certified organisation).</p>
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