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To: Certified Producers and Traders
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cc: Standards Committee
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Subject: updated Fairtrade Standard for Coffee and Interpretation Notes

Dear Fairtrade partners,

In this letter the Standards Unit at Fairtrade International seeks to inform you of various updates and changes regarding the Fairtrade Standard for Coffee and its [Interpretation Notes](#).

The standard has been updated to reflect the directors' decisions around the applicability of requirement 3.1.5. Supporting producers to prevent and mitigate deforestation and 3.1.7 Sharing geolocation data to include payers and conveyors.

Further, links to interpretation notes are now included in the requirement text, no longer in the guidance section. Interpretation Notes are binding for compliance with requirements. Please note that the translations will be available shortly.

The Interpretation Notes for requirements 3.1.5 Supporting producers to prevent and mitigate deforestation, 3.1.7 Sharing geolocation data (to reflect changes in applicability as above), 3.1.8 SPO reporting and 3.1.9 Trader reporting were also updated.

The timeline of implementation is shown in the next page for clarity. There is a differentiation between new SPOs and traders, and SPOs and trader already Fairtrade certified.

Should you have any questions, please contact standards-pricing@fairtrade.net

Best regards,

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Fairtrade Standard for Coffee, current version: 15.07.2021_v.2.8

Timeline for implementation for new requirements taking effect in January 2025

For the new requirements in the [revised Fairtrade Standard for Coffee](#), a timeline for implementation was developed. This timeline details when implementation of the new requirements will be checked by FLOCERT during the audits.

In case of any questions, please contact: standards-pricing@fairtrade.net

Fairtrade Standard requirement for coffee	For SPOs and traders already certified or having started the certification process before 1 January 2025	For SPOs and traders that have already started the certification process after 1 January 2025
3.1.1 Protection of forests and ecosystems <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, Year 0</i>	January 2025	January 2025
3.1.2 Protection of forests and ecosystems <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, Year 0</i>	January 2026	January 2025
3.1.3 Deforestation risk assessment and monitoring <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, Year 1</i>	January 2027	January 2026
3.1.4 Deforestation prevention and mitigation plan <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, Year 1</i>	January 2027	January 2026
3.1.5 Supporting producers to prevent and mitigate deforestation <i>Applies to: payers and conveyors</i> <i>Core, Year 0</i>	January 2026	January 2025
3.1.6 Geolocation data <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, Year 0</i>	January 2026	January 2025
3.1.7 Sharing geolocation data <i>Applies to: payers and conveyors</i> <i>Core, Year 0</i>	January 2026	January 2025
3.1.8 SPO reporting <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, Year 1</i>	January 2027	January 2026
3.1.9 Trader reporting <i>Applies to: payers and conveyors</i> <i>Core, Year 0</i>	January 2026	January 2025
3.1.13 Biodiversity management <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Development, Year 1</i>	January 2026	January 2026