

Fairtrade Standard for Gold and Associated Precious Metals for Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (08.11.2013_v1.2)

Interpretation Notes

Date	May 29 th , 2020								
Reference	Gold Standard								
Affected standard requirement	<p>4.1.6 → NEW 2015 Decision-making on Fairtrade Development Plan</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Applies to: The Fairtrade Premium Committee. ☐</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Core ☐</td> <td>The FPC decides on priorities of the Fairtrade Development Plan based on the evaluation of the needs assessment (see requirement 4.1.5), and propose the Premium Plan to the General Assembly for adoption. ☐</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1 ☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Guidance: The Fairtrade Development Plan proposed by the Premium Committee is democratically approved by the General Assembly. The General Assembly approves the Premium Plan and assumes the legal responsibility over its implementation. ☐</td> </tr> </table>	Applies to: The Fairtrade Premium Committee. ☐		Core ☐	The FPC decides on priorities of the Fairtrade Development Plan based on the evaluation of the needs assessment (see requirement 4.1.5), and propose the Premium Plan to the General Assembly for adoption. ☐	Year 1 ☐		Guidance: The Fairtrade Development Plan proposed by the Premium Committee is democratically approved by the General Assembly. The General Assembly approves the Premium Plan and assumes the legal responsibility over its implementation. ☐	
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Interpretation	<p><i>Can the current coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, be considered and unexpected event to have more flexibility in terms of decision making on Premium use?</i></p> <p>Yes. If the organization identifies Premium investments to minimize the spread of the disease and/or to mitigate any potential negative effects on miners, workers and their communities, it is possible to make these Premium investments. Changes in the Fairtrade Development Plan need to be documented.</p> <p>Once the usual decision-making process is re-instated, the Fairtrade Premium Committee needs to explain the changes and ratify the Premium use retroactively.</p> <p>For guidance on basic protective measures against the COVID-19 outbreak please consult the information provided by the World Health Organization. The organizations are required to maximize the number of members and workers that benefit from these investments and that they benefit equally.</p>								