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cc: Standards Committee
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Subject: Updates in the Standard, Interpretation Notes, and additional guidance documents

Removal of requirement 2.1.10 Mass balance: origin matching of bean volumes from the Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa

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 Cocoa.

In June 2024, the Standards Committee approved the removal of requirement 2.1.10 *Mass Balance: Origin Matching of Cocoa Beans*, meaning it will no longer be implemented. [The updated Standard](#) as well as the translations are available [here](#).

Also, applicability of requirement 3.4.6 *Sharing geolocation data* includes 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.

[The Interpretation Notes](#) for requirements 2.1.1 *Recording Member and Organization Production*, 3.4.6 *Sharing geolocation data* and 3.4.8 *Reporting on Deforestation Prevention* (applicable to traders) were also changed. The translations can be found [here](#).

The [Timeline for Implementation](#) has been updated. There is now only one document which lists all requirements for which such timelines were drafted. The translations can be found [here](#). Some of these timelines were changed to allow more time for implementation of the stages. Further, requirements 3.1.5 *Formal agreements between Farm Owners* and Farm Operators, and 3.1.6 *Reporting on Farm Operators* were newly added to the list.

New guidance documents were uploaded [here](#). These are relevant for implementation of [management systems](#) and farm record keeping.

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

Best regards,

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