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Hazardous Materials List for Flowers & Plants

Dear Fairtrade Partners,

During its meeting that took place on 23 September 2026, the Standards Committee decided on introduction of the Fairtrade Hazardous Materials List (HML) for Flowers & Plants. For details on the decision please refer to the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting that will soon be available on our website under <https://www.fairtrade.net/en/why-fairtrade/how-we-do-it/standards/how-we-set-standards.html>

The Hazardous Materials List (HML) for the Flowers & Plants sector was developed following a comprehensive review. Fairtrade engaged stakeholders to identify a practical approach that enables flower farms to remain compliant while addressing export-related challenges. The consultation confirmed broad support for a Flowers & Plants-specific HML that better reflects production realities, market requirements, and the relevance of agrochemical use within the sector. A synopsis of the consultation outcomes [is available on our website in English](#).

The Fairtrade HML for Flowers & Plants is applicable as of **1 January 2027** as part of the product specific Flower&Plant standard. Where a material is classified differently in the Flowers & Plants HML than in the generic Fairtrade Hazardous Materials List, the Flowers & Plants HML applies. The Flowers & Plants HML consists of the Red List, the Orange List and the Yellow List. The Orange List is a 'restricted' list of materials that may be used under specified conditions.

The Standard Committee approved three transition timelines to gradually phase out some of the Flowers & Plants Orange and Yellow List materials: 1 January 2028, 1 January 2029 and 1 January 2031. The Orange list also includes materials without a fixed phased out date. These materials may eventually be prohibited and certified organizations are encouraged to abandon their use.

The Hazardous Materials List for Flowers and Plants is included in the Annex 2 with a reference included in the new requirement 4.2.1. on use of Hazardous Materials List in the [updated Flowers & Plants standard](#), version 2.9.

For more information, please contact Fairtrade Standards (standards-pricing@fairtrade.net).

Best regards,
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