

To: Certified Fruits and Vegetables Producers
and Traders
Producer Networks
National Fairtrade Organisations

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Publication of version 1.01 of the Fairtrade Standard for Fruits & Vegetables for SPOs and HLOs

Dear Fairtrade partners,

We would like to inform you that version 1.01 of the Fairtrade Standard for Fruits & Vegetables for Small-scale Producer Organisations (SPOs) and Hired Labour Organisations (HLOs) has been published. Following the publication of the standard on 31 March 2026, the Director of Standards & Pricing approved the following changes:

- **Pre-finance:** the pre-finance requirements have been replaced by a single requirement aligned with the Fairtrade Trader Standard (SPO 4.4.1, HLO 5.3.1). *Reason:* to avoid duplicated or diverging rules, as pre-finance is already regulated in the Trader Standard. This change was approved by the Standards Committee in July 2025.
- **Systemic retro-certification:** the retro-certification requirements now apply only to importers and payers of fresh product (SPO 4.5.15 to 4.5.18, HLO 5.5.15 to 5.5.18). *Reason:* to avoid ambiguity with processed products, for which these requirements were not designed.
- **Payment terms:** the requirements on fair payment terms (SPO 2.2.3) and unfair payment terms (HLO 5.6.3) have been deleted. *Reason:* they are already covered by the Trader Standard.
- **Oranges for juice:** the requirement on contracts for oranges for juice in the HLO standard (5.2.2) now includes the same elements as the SPO standard (quantity of orange juice to be traded, and payment terms for the price differential and Premium). *Reason:* to give producers in HLOs the same contract transparency as in SPOs.
- **Editorial corrections (cross-references, spelling and grammar), and the terminology of the French, Spanish and Portuguese versions aligned with the Fairtrade glossary.** *Reason:* to improve clarity and ensure a consistent interpretation in all languages.

These changes do not modify the applicability date: the new standard becomes applicable on 1 January 2027, as previously announced. The changes are listed in the change history of the standard.

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

Best regards,



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