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Withdrawal of Fairtrade Climate Standard and updated list of Fairtrade Approved Carbon Calculation Methodologies

Dear Fairtrade Partners,

During its meeting that took place on [23-25 September 2025](#), the Standards Committee decided on withdrawal of the Fairtrade Climate Standard. For details on the decision please refer to the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting available on our [website](#).

The Fairtrade Climate Standard was published on 1 October 2015 with the intention of supporting farmers and at the same time providing an avenue for companies to contribute to climate mitigation. With industry's shift in focus to reducing within-value-chain emissions, Fairtrade is prioritizing other climate adaptation and mitigation measures, gradually phasing out the Climate Standard.

The following changes are valid as of 1 January 2026:

- no new applications for certification under the Fairtrade Climate Standard will be accepted
- the validity of certification is subject to project-specific phase-out timelines. Operators certified before 1 January 2026 under cookstove and reforestation project types must comply with all applicable requirements until:
 - 31 December 2031 for cookstoves projects
 - 31 December 2036 for reforestation projects

In addition, to support standard implementation for currently certified operators, the Director of Standards & Pricing has decided on the update of reference to four Gold Standard methodologies in the Fairtrade list of approved carbon calculation methodologies. [See updated list of methodologies here](#).

The changes approved by the Standard Committee also entail adjustments to the scope and related requirements of the Climate Standard. The revised Climate Standard will be published in early 2026, accompanied by a separate announcement letter to all relevant stakeholders.

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

Best regards,

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