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Publication of the updated Trader Standard, Interpretation Notes to the Trader Standard and Contract Production Standard

Dear Fairtrade Partners,

Fairtrade International has published updated versions of the Trader Standard, the Interpretation Notes to the Trader Standard and the Contract Production Standard. The changes aim to clarify the application of the traceability requirements, including modifications related to the option of choosing Identity Preservation, and to provide further guidance on the implementation of existing requirements.

Specifically, the applicability of requirement 2.1.3 of Trader Standard has been clarified. The requirement applies to producers of cocoa, cane sugar, tea or fruit juice (including fruit pulp and fruit puree) who choose to apply optional Identity Preservation or Physical Segregation. These producers are required to notify the certification body in writing of their chosen chain of custody model.

In addition, the Interpretation Notes to the Trader Standard have been updated to include conditions under which the requirements on pre-finance, sourcing plans, sales to non-certified traders and management of environmental impacts apply. The Interpretation Notes also include revised clarifications on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) requirements.

In the Contract Production Standard, the requirement A 2.1.7 on marking Fairtrade products was modified to cover products traded under Identity Preservation.

For details of these modifications, please check the ‘change history’ table in the respective standard.

To access the Trader Standards and the Interpretation Notes to the Trader Standard, click here.
To access the Contract Production Standard, click here.

In case of any questions, please feel free to contact standards-pricing@fairtrade.net

Best regards,



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