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## Changes to the Coffee Standard

Dear partners,

During its 119 meeting that took place on 25 September 2025 the Standards Committee decided on amendments to the standard requirements for Coffee and subsequently its interpretation notes, related to some requirements about geolocation data and deforestation prevention reporting. The amendments are intended to clarify the required geolocation mapping area and provide more time for geolocation data collection for producers worldwide. The amendments are as follows, listed in order of the relevant Standard Requirement:

- ✓ The following requirement maintains its implementation timeline with only a change in wording.
  - 3.1.1 Protection of forest and ecosystems
    - Change from “There is no indication that your members caused deforestation” to “There is no indication that there has been deforestation”.
- ✓ All requirements in the list below are postponed for implementation to start on 1 January 2027 and as indicated, the respective change in wording.
  - 3.1.2 No deforestation on farms: change the standard requirement to reflect
    - Change from “Your members did not cause deforestation” to “There has been no deforestation”.
  - 3.1.3 Assessing and monitoring deforestation risk
    - Change usage of phrase “farm” to “plot” (and specify in guidance: coffee plot).
  - 3.1.4 Deforestation prevention and mitigation plan
  - 3.1.6 Geolocation data
    - Change usage of phrase “farm” to “plot” (and specify in guidance: coffee plot).
  - 3.1.7 Sharing geolocation data
    - Change usage of phrase “farm” to “plot” (and specify in guidance: coffee plot).
  - 3.1.8 SPO reporting
    - Change usage of phrase “farm” to “plot” (and specify in guidance: coffee plot).
  - 3.1.9 Trader reporting

The amendments to change from the phrase “farm” to “plot” (and specify in guidance: coffee plot) in all requirements mentioned above clarify that data is required for plots under production and not farm level; and guidance was added to clarify that geolocation data availability is not a precondition for implementation of requirements hence SPOs are encouraged to focus their efforts on requirements on general environmental risk assessment requirement 3.1.10, Climate adaptation plan 3.1.11 to identify actions to support producers to prevent and mitigate deforestation 3.1.5.

For details on the decision, please refer to the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting available on our website here: <https://www.fairtrade.net/en/why-fairtrade/how-we-do-it/standards/how-we-set-standards.html>. The Director of Standards & Pricing decided on the remaining requirements impacted by the SC decision.



In addition, Fairtrade International invites interested stakeholders to contribute to the draft proposal suspension for Coffee Standard requirement 3.1.9 Trader Reporting (applies to payers and conveyors). The project assignment can be found [here](#). Kindly provide any input which you may have to [standards-pricing@fairtrade.net](mailto:standards-pricing@fairtrade.net) by 14 November 2025 using the form named "Standard suspension feedback form" to be found [here](#).

The revised standard is available in English/Spanish/French on our website under <https://www.fairtrade.net/en/why-fairtrade/how-we-do-it/standards/who-we-have-standards-for/standards-for-small-scale-producer-organisations/coffee.html>.

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Best regards,

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