

To: Coffee producers and traders
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Changes to the Coffee Standard – suspension of requirement 3.1.9 Reporting on Trader Reporting

Dear partners,

Following the publication of the [project assignment](#) regarding the requested suspension of Coffee Standard requirement 3.1.9 *Trader Reporting* in October 2025, in his capacity to decide on suspension requests, the Director of the Standards & Pricing Unit approved the requirement suspension as of the date of this announcement, with no end date. The suspension, therefore, is in place until a new requirement in the next standard review is approved by the Standards Committee following the Standard Operating Procedure for the Development of Fairtrade Standards ([SOP](#)).

- The updated Coffee Standard can be found [here](#). The updated Interpretation Notes can be found there as well.

Requirement 3.1.9 Reporting on Trader Reporting applied to traders in the Fairtrade Standard for coffee and has created technical difficulties and was a duplication of efforts, as SPOs are reporting this data as well. The other part of the requirement, which is to report on support to SPOs, is not needed since this is also covered in requirement 3.1.5 Supporting producers to prevent and mitigate deforestation.

For more information and in case of questions, please contact the Standards and Pricing team at standards-pricing@fairtrade.net.

Best regards,

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