



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

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Publication on new Fruits & Vegetables Standard for SPOs and HLOs

Dear Fairtrade partners,

During its 114 and 117 meetings, the Standards Committee decided on a new Fairtrade Standard for Fruits & Vegetables. The changes approved by the Standards Committee included the merger of the previous Fairtrade Standard for Fresh Fruit, the Fairtrade Standards for Fresh Vegetables and the Fairtrade Standard for Prepared and Preserved Fruits and Vegetables, as well as new and amended existing requirements.

Two of the new requirements approved by the Standards Committee for HLOs and SPOs will be included in the current Fresh Fruit Standard (SPO and HLO) for its immediate implementation in support and management of the Fairtrade Banana offer.

The new standard will replace the three merged standards and become applicable as of 1 January 2027 for all organisations certified under one of the merged standards and new organisations becoming certified. The changes are explained in the main changes document on our website.

Following the standard publication, the S&P Unit will monitor the implementation, provide training to Producer Networks, National Fairtrade Organisations and the certification body.

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

Best regards,

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