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Changes to the Fairtrade Trader Standard for the Extension of Fairtrade Sourcing Program (FSP) / Now Fairtrade Sourced Ingredient (FSI)

Dear partners,

We are pleased to announce that we are introducing changes to the Fairtrade Trader Standard decided by the Standards Committee (SC) in June 2017 in order to extend Fairtrade Sourcing Program (FSP) to all product categories except coffee and bananas.

The revised standard is the result of a standard revision in line with Fairtrade's global strategy for 2020 to expand the ways in which farmers can get better access to world markets. Following the success of FSP for cocoa, sugar and cotton, Fairtrade's global strategy includes an extension of the Fairtrade Sourcing Program. To accompany this change Fairtrade Sourcing Program has been renamed Fairtrade Sourced Ingredient or FSI.

The changes in the standard include an extension of its scope and definitions to include all product categories except coffee and bananas in the FSI model, whilst building on existing requirements, for example, that the FSI Mark is only used on finished composite products. In detail the revised standard includes:

- The existing requirement in section 1.2.3 for the verification of claims by a national Fairtrade organization or Fairtrade International prior to publication, which now also applies to the FSI model;
- The existing traceability requirements for Fairtrade products in section 2.1, which now also apply to all products traded under the FSI model except cotton. Thus physical traceability is not required and mass balance is allowed only for cocoa, sugar, fruit juices and tea (*camellia sinensis*), the FSI model for cotton and the Gold Sourcing Program. In the case of the FSI model for cotton, mass balance is allowed for processing activities at and after spinning stage;
- The existing composition requirements for the FSI model for cocoa and sugar in section 2.2.5., which now apply to all products under the FSI model except cotton.

For further details on the decisions please refer to the minutes of the June 2017 SC meeting which available [here](#) on our website.



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This revised standard will replace the previous version and will become applicable as of 22 January 2018. It applies to all Fairtrade certified traders. The certification body will start auditing against the revised standard as of its publication.

You can find the revised Fairtrade Trader Standard, available in English, on our website: https://www.fairtrade.net/fileadmin/user_upload/content/2009/standards/documents/generic-standards/TS_EN.pdf

The revised Trader Standard in Spanish, French and Portuguese will be soon available here: <https://www.fairtrade.net/standards/our-standards/trade-standard.html>

This announcement will also be available soon in Spanish, French and Portuguese on our website here: <https://www.fairtrade.net/standards/standards-and-price-announcement.html>

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Best regards,
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