Dear Fairtrade Partners,

During its meeting that took place on 25-26 September 2019, the Standards Committee decided on changes to the Fairtrade Hazardous Materials List (HML). For details on the decision please refer to the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting available on our website under https://www.fairtrade.net/standard/how-we-set-standards.

Fairtrade HML consists of the Red List, the Orange List and the Yellow List. The Orange List is a ‘restricted’ List and includes materials that may be used under specified conditions. Currently, the Standards Team is running a monitoring review of the HML, focusing on the group of materials that need to be phased out by the end of 2019 (group ‘d’).

In order to be able to better understand the implications of the phase out of these materials as well as to be able to engage with affected stakeholders, the SC has decided to extend the phase out timeline for agrochemicals listed in the orange list under group ‘d’ from December 31st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020.

The revised timeline will be reflected in all the relevant Fairtrade Standards and available on the website in the upcoming days.

Fairtrade certified organizations need to continue complying with implementation of a reduction/phase out plan for use of agrochemicals categorized into group ‘d’ of orange list, until end of June 2020.

For more details on the monitoring review of the HML document please check the Project Assignment and participate in the upcoming consultation.

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

Best regards,

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