

Project Assignment

Hazardous Materials List (HML) monitoring review (Nov-19)

This project assignment contains the most important information about the project. For additional information on the project, please contact the project manager (contact details below). The project will be carried out according to the Standard Operating Procedures for the Development of Fairtrade Standards/Minimum Prices and Premiums. More information on these procedures can be found on the [website](#).

Rationale for and justification of need for the project:

The Fairtrade Hazardous Materials List (HML) was reviewed and published in January 2018. In the last review, a new approach introduced to the classification of materials resulted in revised list of materials. This list encompasses materials that are 'prohibited' by Fairtrade (red list materials), materials that can be used under restricted conditions (orange list materials) and materials that should be used under extreme caution (yellow list materials).

After a year and a half of implementation, Fairtrade International (FI) is monitoring the implementation of the revised list, assessing producers' experience on phasing out the use of certain pesticides, and the existence of new alternative means for pest control. Also, FI will revise any new information in relation to regulatory frameworks, practices and knowledge about toxicity and hazard of pesticides since the HML publication.

Risk assessment:

- a) Producers' realities whose financial and technical effective capacity to phase out certain materials could be limited in certain cases

Mitigation: Producers' realities and needs must be investigated through data analysis, producers' interviews and consultations

- b) Consumers and civil society expectations (who have high-level demands in terms of eradication of pesticides in Fairtrade products) are not met

Mitigation: Consumers' expectations must be correctly understood and taken into account, by active exchange with the national Fairtrade organizations, and Fairtrade needs to communicate correctly its focus and limitations.

Project Start Event:

Publication of project assignment for feedback

Project Start Date:

End June 2019

Project End Event:

Publication of the revised Fairtrade Hazardous Materials List

Project End Date:

Q2 2020

Project Goal and objectives

Goal: To ensure that the HML published in Jan 2018 meets producer realities and market expectations.

Specific objectives:

- Review and analyse outstanding issues included on the monitoring log of the HML since its publication
- Understand producer's challenges in the implementation of the HML
- Understands consumer' expectations regarding the existing HML

Connection with Theory of Change (ToC):

This project contributes to the goal of Fairtrade to foster sustainable livelihoods. In particular, it contributes to the wellbeing and resilience among small-scale producers and worker households. Also, to increased environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change.

For more information on Fairtrade's ToC see this [link](#).

Project scope:

The project covers all regions, products and actors in 1st the supply chain where the Fairtrade Hazardous Materials List apply.

For more information on Fairtrade Standards click this [link](#).

Out of scope:

- Review of environmental strategy
- Review of the environmental requirements or requirement related to the use of hazardous materials

Project timelines and information on opportunities to contribute:

Scoping: July 2019

Research and development

of proposals: August-October 2019

Consultation round*: November-December 2019

Drafting final proposal: February 2020

SC decision: March 2020

Publication : April 2020

Implementation: Q2 2020

* More information will be provided closer to the consultation period on our [website](#). If you are identified as key stakeholders, you will receive an invitation to participate.

Decision making process:

The final decision will be taken by the Standards Committee (SC), a body made up of stakeholder representatives. The SC will aim at making a decision based on consensus. They may reword the final proposal if needed to reach consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, the SC will resort to voting.

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