

Fairtrade Standard for Contract Production

The revised *Fairtrade Standard for Contract Production (CP)* is the result of the regular monitoring and improving process of the standards as well as an alignment with the revised Small Producer Organization Standard.

The revised CP Standard was approved by the Standards Committee in November 2013.

This document identifies the key changes made to the standard and includes a table describing in more detail the extent of the changes made, following the structure of the new standard.

This document does not describe the content of the changes in full detail. This document shall not replace a detailed study of the new standard and it is not part of the standard.

Key changes:

- Inclusion of missing relevant trade requirements and compliance criteria
- Strengthening / improving definitions and guidance in requirements for forced labour and protection of children
- New requirement: audit results to be shared with registered producers
- Clarification of wording of other requirements

Overview of the new 2014 Contract Production Standard:

This table shows the most important changes, specifying if these are modifications, deletions or new additions.

Standard section	Type of change	New Standard 2014	Comments
INTRODUCTION	Clarified	Improved explanation of scope and aim of this standard	
PART A- REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROMOTING BODY			
A1. General Requirements	This chapter covers the requirements that relate to the certification process and to the scope of the Standard.		
A1.1 Certification	No content changes		
A1.2 Registered Producers are Small Producers	Clarified	Clarification of definition of small producers (A1.2.1)	
A2. Trade	This chapter outlines the rules you need to comply with when you sell Fairtrade certified products.		
A2.1 Traceability	Clarified	Reminder to pay special attention regarding traceability when there are registered producers with more than one promoting body (A2.1.1). Clarification of the definition of product flow (A2.1.2). Clarification that there is no need to physically mark the products that are exempted from traceability (cocoa) (A2.1.7).	
A2.2 Sourcing	Clarified	Clarification that traceability must be maintained when an operator sells products already in stock at initial certification (A2.2.1).	
A2.3 Contracts	No content changes		

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A2.4 Use of Fairtrade Trademark	Modified/clarified	Clarification on exactly when the operator needs to ask permission to use the FAIRTRADE Mark: wholesale packaging or <u>external</u> promotional material (such as brochures, websites or invoices for Fairtrade products) (A2.4.1).	There is no need to ask for permission to use the FAIRTRADE Mark internally such as in posters, wall paintings, information for registered producers or assets funded with Fairtrade Premium to mark Fairtrade Premium projects.
	Moved	If the operator sells Fairtrade finished products directly to consumers under their own brand name with the FAIRTRADE Mark, they must sign a contract first with Fairtrade International or with a national Fairtrade organization (A2.4.2).	Previously found in the Trade Standard only.
A3. Production	This chapter outlines the ethical and sustainable production practices that are behind every Fairtrade certified product.		
A3.1 Monitoring Systems	Moved	Guidance included on general principles for a functioning Internal Control System (A3.1.1).	Previously found in Compliance Criteria only.
A3.2 Environmental Development	Clarified	Scope of application for prohibited materials and GMO requirements is reworded to make clear that they applicable to <u>all</u> the crops that a promoting body is certified for (regardless of whether they are finally sold as Fairtrade) and to all the fields were these are grown (Pest management and GMO sections).	
	Extended	The deadline for exceptions upon request for specific prohibited materials (as marked in the Prohibited Materials Red List) is extended until June 2015. The revision of the Prohibited Materials Amber List is also extended until June 2015 (A3.2.7 and PML).	

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A3.3 Labour Conditions	New	Scope: scope of application is not modified, however if any violation of the rights of children or vulnerable adults is encountered, even outside scope, it will be reported to protection agencies.	Applying existing polices in Fairtrade International and FLO-CERT
	Clarified	Freedom from discrimination: scope of application clarified, applies to persons contracted both directly and indirectly (subcontracted).	
	Clarified	Freedom of labour: scope of application clarified, applies to persons contracted both directly and indirectly (subcontracted). Reference to relevant international conventions is added.	
A4. Business and Development	This chapter outlines the requirements that are unique to Fairtrade and intends to lay the foundations for empowerment and development to take place.		
A4.1 Development potential	No content changes		
A4.2 Democracy, Participation and Transparency	New	Promoting body to share audit results with registered producers. It can be done in the General Assembly or in other ways. The results must be shared in an understandable way. (A4.2.7)	New requirement with the intention that registered producers are more involved in the certification process. Transition period applies for new requirements.
A4.3 Non Discrimination	No content changes		

Standard section	Type of change	New Standard 2014	Comments
A4.4 Fairtrade Price		No content changes	
A4.5 Fairtrade Premium		No content changes	
PART B- REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCERS			
B1. General Requirements	This chapter covers the requirements that relate to the certification process and to the scope of the Standard.		
B1.1 Certification		No content changes	
B2. Trade	There are no requirements		
B3. Production	This chapter outlines the ethical and sustainable production practices that are behind every Fairtrade certified product.		
B3.1 Environmental Development	Clarified	Scope of application for prohibited materials and GMO requirements is reworded to make clear that they applicable to <u>all</u> the crops that an operator is certified for (regardless of whether they are finally sold as Fairtrade) and to all the fields where these are grown (Pest management and GMO sections).	
B3.2 Labour Conditions	New	Scope: scope of application is not modified, however if any violation of the rights of children or vulnerable adults is encountered, even outside scope, it will be reported to protection agencies.	Applying existing policies in Fairtrade International and FLO-CERT
	Clarified	Freedom from discrimination: scope of application clarified, applies to persons contracted both directly and indirectly (subcontracted).	

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	Clarified	Freedom of labour: scope of application clarified, applies to persons contracted both directly and indirectly (subcontracted). Reference to relevant international conventions is added. Definition of forced labour improved (B3.2.5).	
	Clarified	Child labour and child protection: scope of application clarified, applies to persons contracted both directly and indirectly (subcontracted). Legal working age needs to be respected if higher than 15 years (B3.3.8). More detailed guidance and definitions (B3.2.8, B3.2.9, B3.2.10, B3.2.11, B3.2.12).	Guidance improved in order to strengthen compliance and protection.
B4. Business and Development	This chapter outlines the requirements that are unique to Fairtrade and intends to lay the foundations for empowerment and development to take place.		
B4.1 Development Potential	No content changes		
B4.2 Democracy, Participation and Transparency	No content changes		
B4.3 Non Discrimination	No content changes		
B4.4 Fairtrade Premium	No content changes		