



To: Coffee Small-scale Producer
Organizations
Coffee Traders

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Postponement of implementation date of requirement 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 of the Fairtrade Coffee Standard

Dear Fairtrade partners,

In July 2021, Fairtrade International updated its Coffee Standard. A Production chapter was added to this new version, counting with 2 sub-chapters: Environment Development and Labour Conditions. Both sub-chapters have a risk assessment requirement (3.1.1 and 3.2.1) that were to be implemented as of 15 July 2022.

To comply with these requirements, Producer Organizations need to adjust their current practices. Fairtrade is committed to support Producer Organizations in this and is currently piloting the supporting tools. Taking this into consideration, the Standards Unit has decided to postpone the implementation date of those two requirements to **15 January 2023**. This means that all coffee Producer Organizations who got certified prior to 15 July 2021 have to comply with requirements 3.1.1. and 3.2.1 from 15 January 2023. All coffee Producer Organizations certified after 15 July 2021 have to comply with these requirements already now. The implementation date for all other requirements remains the same.

You can find the [Coffee Standard](#) on our [website](#).

We take this opportunity to remind you about the Coffee Help Desk that can be reached via email at coffeehelp@fairtrade.net.

This exclusive service, available only to Fairtrade certified operators with a valid FLO ID, seeks to provide greater market access to certified producers, respond to operator's needs when trading on Fairtrade terms and encourages good commercial practices.

The Coffee Help Desk can be consulted on the following topics:

- Advice on contract conditions
- Information on current market trends and dynamics
- Advise on price fixation
- Information on quality requirements
- Questions on Fairtrade certification

If you have any questions regarding this announcement or the Fairtrade Coffee Standard in general, please do not hesitate to contact Standards and Pricing at standards-pricing@fairtrade.net.

Best regards,

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