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Revised Cocoa Standard for Small-scale Producer Organisations and Traders

Dear Fairtrade partners,

During its meetings on 22-24 March 2023, the Fairtrade International Standards Committee decided on a revised version of the Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa applicable to Small-scale Producer Organisations (SPOs) and traders. For details on the decision please refer to the minutes of the Standards Committee meetings available on our website [here](#).

The revised Cocoa Standard for SPOs and traders is available in [English](#). Translated versions in Spanish and French will be published soonest [here](#).

With this revision, requirements on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD), geolocation data, and product tracing solutions are now applicable globally; in the last Standard revision in December 2022, these requirements were decided for Africa and Asia as a first step. In the Standards text you will find specific timelines per region indicating by when each requirement will come into effect.

The revised Standard includes a new requirement in the section on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence, which is 3.3.4 Reporting on Producer Support to Address and Remediate Child Labour and Forced Labour, applicable to traders. This requirement is complementary to requirement 3.3.3, where traders are asked to support producer organisations to address and remediate child labour and forced labour, financially or in other ways. The reporting indicators will be shared with Fairtrade International annually, in order to track Fairtrade's objective of promoting cost sharing of Monitoring and Remediation systems across the supply chain.

To further improve and prepare the implementation of the revised standard, few requirements will come into effect later than originally announced. You can find all relevant dates re. applicability in the [standard](#).

Fairtrade has developed several documents and tools which are now available to support the implementation of the new requirements on Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence:

1. The [Implementing Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence \(HREDD\) Guide for Smallholder Farmer Organisations](#) aims to build upon farmer organisations' current work and suggest how these organisations can develop a full HREDD process.
2. Further, the [Fairtrade Risk Map](#) is available to support organisations with requirement 3.2.3 *NEW JULY 2023 Risk Assessment*. The online map identifies the most salient

human rights and environmental risks in commodities and countries where Fairtrade works. The map supports all actors in global value chains in their risk assessment, from farmer and worker organisations to retailers and brands. More information can be found [here](#).

3. Also, supporting implementation of the same requirement, Fairtrade's Risk Assessment Tool for Smallholder Farmer Organisations is now available [here](#). Fairtrade developed this tool to support Fairtrade certified Small-scale Producer Organisations to undertake a Human Rights and Environmental Risk Assessment. The aim is to identify the human rights and environmental risks and challenges that are the most serious and common - or "salient" - related to your business. This helps you to focus your sustainability work on these salient issues.

Moreover, more additional guidance to the revised Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa will be provided in 2023 and will be published [here](#).

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Best regards,

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