



To: Cocoa producers
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**News on the Cocoa Standard for Small-scale Producer Organizations and Traders:
*Updates in the Standard, Interpretation Notes, and additional guidance documents***

Dear Fairtrade partners,

Implementation of requirement *3.4.4 Supporting producers to prevent and mitigate deforestation* will commence a half year later, in January 2025. Following this decision, parts of requirements *3.4.7 Reporting on Deforestation Prevention (SPOs)* and *3.4.8 Reporting on Deforestation Prevention (Traders)* will also become applicable in January 2025 instead of July 2024. These parts are clearly marked in the [updated Standard](#).

Guidance texts for requirements *2.1.12 Sale of multi-certified cocoa* and *3.4.6 Sharing geolocation data* have been amended to further clarify applicability.

The Interpretation Notes for requirement *1.1.1 Entry requirement for producer organizations* has been amended to reflect how SPOs can comply with the requirement, when deciding on adaptations to be in compliance with the EU organic regulation. Additionally, new Interpretation Notes for requirement *3.2.7 Supporting Producers with Action Plans* have been added. The Interpretation Notes can be found [here](#).

Additional guidance documents referenced in the Standard have been published on our website:

- [Guidance document on yield estimates](#)
- [Guidance document on income diversification](#)
- [Guidance document on product tracing solutions](#)
- Guidance documents Documenting product traceability procedure for [Côte d'Ivoire](#) and [Ghana](#)
- Guidance documents Documenting payment of Fairtrade Minimum Price and Fairtrade Premium in [Côte d'Ivoire](#) and [Ghana](#)

Translations of these documents will be provided [here](#) soon. Moreover, more additional guidance to the revised Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa will be provided in 2024 and will be published [here](#).

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Best regards,

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