

Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa, current version: 13.12.2022_v.2.0

Timeline for implementation for new requirements taking effect in July 2023

Fairtrade has introduced a new approach to assurance that encourages continuous improvement and progress. The gradual implementation ensures that producers and trader have enough time to prepare, and to build their systems step by step to achieve full compliance with the standard.

For some of the new requirements in the [revised Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa](#), a timeline for implementation was developed. This timeline details how implementation of the new requirements can be phased by Producer Organizations over several years, and what will be checked by the certification body in which year. This list is complimentary to the standard.

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Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa requirement	Timeline for implementation
2.1.1 Recording Member and Organization Production <i>Applies to: SPOs</i> <i>Core, year 1</i>	<p>From July 2023: You started to record your individual member production and the total production of your organisation (estimated and actual production). Compliance can be met by showing that the process has started and PO is starting to collect the information.</p> <p>July 2024: there is accurate information available on member production, and total production, which includes both estimated and actual production.</p> <p>July 2025: the above and you have compared and checked for differences, and you have a system in place to investigate if significant deviations occur.</p> <p>July 2026: the above and you have taken measures to prevent recurrences of errors. [full requirement is implemented.]</p>
3.2.2 Awareness Raising <i>Applies to: SPOs in Africa, Asia</i> <i>Core, year 0</i>	<p>From July 2023: You have a plan on how you will educate your key stakeholders, to raise awareness of human rights, environmental sustainability and your organization's commitment.</p>



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	<p>July 2024: You informed and educated your key stakeholders on awareness of human rights, environmental sustainability, and your organization's commitment.</p> <p>July 2025: You also raised awareness among other stakeholders.</p>
<p>3.2.3 Risk assessment <i>Applies to: SPOs in Africa, Asia</i> <i>Core, year 1</i></p>	<p>July 2023: You have started your risk mapping process, and you identified the resources you will use to inform your risk assessment.</p> <p>Jan. 2024: You mapped all the risks in your country and field of production using the resources identified previously. You prioritised your risks and your 3 most salient risks to your operation. You did this by engaging with workers and farmers, etc. Additionally, you further expand your risk assessment and identify and focus on the most vulnerable groups of people that could be impacted. You comply with the full requirement.</p>
<p>3.2.4 Grievance Mechanism <i>Applies to: SPOs in Africa, Asia</i> <i>Core, year 1</i></p>	<p>From July 2023: You proof that you started to put a grievance procedure in place. You start by setting up a grievance committee. The committee can propose a grievance procedure that specifies how complaints can be made, handled and recorded.</p> <p>July 2024: You have the full grievance procedure in place according to the requirement.</p> <p>July 2025: You raise awareness of the grievance procedure among all stakeholders.</p>