
Fairtrade International Public Report on Exceptions granted

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Introduction

In the interest of transparency about how the Fairtrade Standards are implemented, and in accordance with the Exceptions Policy as part of our compliance with the ISEAL Assurance Code, Fairtrade provides an annual summary of the exceptions to the Fairtrade Standards granted by our certifiers (also known as assurance providers) and licensing bodies.

The exceptions are listed according to the requirement in the Fairtrade Standards for which an exception was granted. These requirements cover practices from agricultural production by smallholder farmers and workers, up until Fairtrade commodities are packaged as finished products carrying the FAIRTRADE Mark.

The exceptions granted for ingredients in finished products carrying the FAIRTRADE Mark (according to Trader Standard 2.2.4 “Exceptions for the use of non-Fairtrade Ingredients”) are listed separately (see Table 2) for each finished product with one (or more) exceptions. In the case of exceptions for more than one ingredient in a finished product, the exception for the most significant non-Fairtrade ingredient is listed.

Disclaimer

Please note: *This aggregated summary of standards exceptions granted is compiled from multiple internal data sources. Due to the challenges of compiling data from different sources and in different formats, it may contain a limited number of duplications, omissions and minor errors. The summary does not include exception requests which were denied.*

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Table 1 Exceptions – Category A granted for the period July 2017 - June 2018 (except 2.2.4 Exceptions for the use of non-Fairtrade ingredients, which are listed in Table 2)

	Standard requirement	No. of exceptions
Trade Standard	1.1.4 Fairtrade sourcing Partners	68
	1.1.4 & 1.1.5 Fairtrade sourcing partners & Fairtrade sales partners	<3
	2.1.1 & 2.1.9 Identification of Fairtrade products & Mass balance: purchase prior to sale	<3
	2.1.7 Physical traceability for composite products	26
Standard for Hired Labour	3.5.10 Mandatory days of rest	87

Table 2 Exceptions for the use of non-Fairtrade ingredients, per product category.

Standard	Standard requirement	Exception reason	Product category	No. of exceptions
Trade Standard	2.2.4 Exceptions for the use of non-Fairtrade ingredients	Inadequate Quality	Cereals	<3
			Cocoa	6
			Coffee	<3
			Fruits	6
			H&S ¹	19
			Honey	<3
			Nuts	5
			Oilseeds and Oleaginous fruit	6
			Sugar Crops and Sweeteners	<3
			Vegetables	<3
		Supply shortage	Cereals	<3
			Cocoa	6
			Fruits	5
			H&S ¹	26
			Nuts	<3
			Oilseeds and Oleaginous fruit	<3
			Pulses and Derived Products	<3
			Sugar Crops and Sweeteners	5
			Vegetables	10
			Transitioning Ingredient	Cocoa
		H&S ¹		20
		Nuts		<3
		Unavailable Ingredient	Cereals	13
			Cocoa	16
			Coffee	3
			Fibre crops	<3
			Fruits	373
			G&PM ²	<3
			H&S ¹	191
			Honey	5
			Nuts	34
			Oilseeds and Oleaginous fruit	76
			Pulses and Derived Products	4
Sugar Crops and Sweeteners	12			
Tobacco & Rubber & other crops	<3			
Vegetables	59			

Standard	Standard requirement	Exception reason	Product category	No. of exceptions	
Trade Standard	2.2.4 Exceptions for the use of non-Fairtrade ingredients	Other / not specified	Cereals	<3	
			Fruits	9	
			H&S ¹	10	
			Nuts	7	
			Oilseeds and Oleaginous fruit	3	
			G&PM ²	<3	
			Cocoa	6	
			Sugar Crops and Sweeteners	<3	
			Vegetables	<3	
			Coffee	<3	
			Provenance	Fruits	8
				H&S ¹	7
				Honey	<3
		Nuts		3	
		Oilseeds and Oleaginous fruit		<3	
		Vegetables		3	

1 Herbs and Herbal teas and Spices

2 Gold & associated Precious Metals