



Main Changes to the Fairtrade Standards for UK Operators

Restructure & Streamlining

The Standards have been streamlined to avoid duplication particularly in relation to clauses which are also included in the Fairtrade Foundation's Packaging Manuals.

There are now 6 parts to provide a more logical division of content. Parts 2 and 5 separate general registration requirements from those specific to your certification audits and Part 6 consolidates all exception Standards. See full table of sections moved or removed at the end.

Clarity

To improve the clarity of the document some more definitions have been added to part 1, this includes Cross Border Sales and Fairtrade Consignment Sales. There is now also a clearer explanation of what is required of different types of subcontractors and the standards on calculating food product composition have been updated to better reflect how we determine this.

Traceability

This has been updated based on FLO's re-issue of the Generic Trade Standards published on the 1st March 2011. Physical traceability still remains a requirement for all products except tea, cocoa, sugar and juice. The transition period for this ends May 2011. In the exempt categories of tea, cocoa, sugar and juice the Standards now specify the requirements and give the option of being audited for traceability. **See section 5.03.**

Importing from Producer Country via a Conveyor

It is now specified that the Standards on Contracts, Sourcing plans and Payments also relate to licensee's purchases through a Conveyor as well as those buying directly from producers. It is specified that purchases from producers must be from the producer organisation and not individual producers. The requirements for paying price and premium on processed product are clarified and a specific clause relating to wine processing added. The rule for suspension of FLO-CERT certified operators has also been updated in line with our communication in 2010. Some other points of clarity have also been added. **See part 3.**

Fresh Fruit (excluding bananas) Fairtrade Consignment Sales

This term relates specifically to a consignment bought from a Fairtrade producer where the importer agrees to sell as much as possible as Fairtrade and pays the producer Premium accordingly NB. Price is still paid at the point of purchase (*see part 1 for full definition*). This is being permitted to address the realities of trade in Fresh Fruit in the UK whilst further research is being conducted. FLO-CERT has implemented this also. **See section 3.09.**

FLO Fairtrade Standard for Tea: revision

In line with the new FLO Fairtrade Standard for Tea published 22nd December 2010 these Standards now include section on retro-certification of *Camillia Sinensis*. **See section 3.10.**

Fairtrade and Fairmined Standard for Gold: update

The Standards have now been updated in all relevant sections to bring them in line with the Fairtrade and Fairmined Standards for Gold published in March 2010.

Fees

This section has been updated to better reflect the current way of operation. This includes clarification that licensee's will be invoiced where their failure to operate within the Standards has caused an additional cost e.g. additional audit to close out non-compliances. **See section 2.02.**

Table detailing sections in the Standards that have been moved or removed

SECTION OF STANDARDS – SEPT 2009	SECTION OF STANDARDS – MARCH 2011	COMMENTS
2.1	Part to 5.01	Requirements specific to certification audit moved to part 5
2.01.26	n/a	Small Farmer preference is no longer in the Standards for new categories of fresh fruit, the policy still exists but will be recommended rather than enforced.
2.2	5.02	Subcontractors moved to part Part 5
2.3	5.03	Traceability moved to Part 5
2.4	5.04	Reporting moved to Part 5
2.5	2.02	Fees section moved to accommodate other changes
Annex 2.2.01	Annex 5.01.01	Non-compliance and corrective actions moved to Part 5
Annex 2.2.02	Annex 5.01.02	Appeals procedure moved to part 5
Annex 2.2.03	Annex 5.01.03	Suspension & Termination procedure moved to part 5
Annex 2.3.01 & Annex 2.3.02	Removed	The cosmetics trading partnership plan can be obtained from the commercial team
Annex 2.3.03	Removed	The fresh fruit small farmer preference is no longer a Standard but in some new categories may be recommended
Annex 2.3.04	Removed	Now referring to FLO website to access Fairtrade Standard for cotton
Annex 2.4	Removed	List of current versions of annexes no longer required.
3.08	6.03	Exceptions section moved to Part 6 for exceptions
Annex 3.1.01	Removed	Now referring to FLO website to access to Fairtrade Price and Premium table
Annex 3.2.01 to 3.2.25	Removed	Now referring to FLO website to access to Fairtrade Product Standards
Annex 3.3.01	Removed	The exception policy for sourcing from conflict zones can be provided on request where relevant
Annex 3.4	Removed	List of current versions of annexes no longer required.
4.01	2.03 or removed	Standards which duplicate packaging manuals removed
4.02	2.04 or removed	Standards which duplicate packaging manuals removed
4.03	4.01	Renumbered as 4.01 and 4.02 moved. Product composition – all.
4.04	4.02	Renumbered as 4.01 and 4.02 moved. Product composition – food
4.05	4.03	Renumbered as 4.01 and 4.02 moved. Product composition – cotton
4.06	4.04	Renumbered as 4.01 and 4.02 moved. Product composition – cosmetics
4.07	4.05	Renumbered as 4.01 and 4.02 moved. Product composition – other
4.08	6.01	Exceptions sections moved to Part 6 for exceptions
4.09	6.02	Exceptions sections moved to Part 6 for exceptions
Annex 4.1.01	Annex 6.1.01	Derivatives and composite ingredients currently unavailable as Fairtrade-certified. Moved to Part 6 for exceptions.
Annex 4.1.02	Annex 6.1.02	Consolidated list of INCI names related to existing Fairtrade Standards for cosmetics ingredients. Moved to Part 6 for exceptions.
Annex 4.2	Removed	List of current versions of annexes no longer required.

A full clause by clause cross reference can be made available on request.

Table detailing new requirements

NEW	DETAILS
1. Definitions	Logistics warehouse, compound ingredient, bonded warehouse, cross border sales definitions
2.02.15	Additional fees
2.03.04	Labelling requirements for Gold
3.08.01	Requirement to calculate correct price and premium when buying a processed product
3.08.02	Requirement to purchase from producer organisations not individual producers
3.08.03	Requirement for calculating price and premium on wine
3.09	Fairtrade Consignment Sales (Fresh Fruit, excluding bananas)
3.10	Retro-active certification of Camillia Sinensis
4.06	Product composition – Fairtrade and Fairmined Gold & Silver Products
5.03.04	Decision tree for traceability for tea, cocoa, sugar and juice operators
5.03.07	More detailed requirements for tea, cocoa, sugar and juice operators without physical traceability
5.03.10	Requirements for traceability of Gold
5.03.14	More detailed requirement on mass balance regarding purchase before sale and records