

SRP Internal Management System (IMS) Standard for Producer Groups v1.0 Online Public Consultation: Changes Document

Background

The SRP Assurance Scheme offer users a robust, yet cost-effective basis for verifiable claims for rice produced according to the SRP Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation v 2.1. The Scheme is managed by GLOBALG.A.P. as SRP's Assurance Service Provider.

Following launch of the SRP Assurance Scheme v 1.3 document in September 2020, the SRP Secretariat and the SRP Chain of Custody Task Force worked to finalize the associated normative guidance documents for the SRP Internal Management System (IMS) for Producer Groups v 1.0 as well as the SRP Chain of Custody Policy and Standard. As per ISEAL requirements, a 30-day online open public consultation was conducted from 27 August to 26 September 2020. Over 50 comments were received from the following participating organizations:

- Ebro/Herba
- Mars Food
- GIZ
- GLOBALG.A.P.
- NEPCon
- Olam
- Oxfam

All comments have been documented, reviewed and addressed by the SRP Secretariat in consultation with a multi-stakeholder SRP Chain of Custody Task Force, including members and external dialogue partners. The recommendations are reflected in the now publicly available final version normative guidance documents posted to the SRP website: <http://www.sustainablerice.org>

Purpose

This document (downloadable from the SRP website) presents only substantive changes to the **IMS Standard v 1.0** main text and Annexes made as a result of the public consultation process. Minor edits to style, language and formatting are not documented here. However, all comments and substantive changes are recorded in track change in the document itself, together with responses and changes made; this document is also available by request from the SRP Secretariat.

Summary of Substantive Changes

Glossary

- Major editorial changes to several definitions. Social policy definition deleted.

1. Introduction

- Section 1.1: Boilerplate text on SRP inserted to clarify/replace text in 1st two paragraphs. Paragraph with SRP tools and approaches updated and references to versions of normative

documents deleted as to avoid need for constant updating. Major editorial changes made in last paragraph.

- Section 1.2 and 1.3: Editorial changes throughout these sections, including references to versions of normative documents deleted in section 1.3 to reduce need for updating.
- Section 1.4: Editorial changes throughout this section. Scoring section updated (from 39 to 42 maximum score for IMS Standard compliance) given inclusion of a gender equality requirement in section 2 (IMS Requirements) as per Oxfam recommendations. Claim section clarified.

2. IMS Requirements

- Requirement#1 "*Legality, establishment and organization of IMS*": Section with required documented procedures and processes revised to specify documentation requirements.
- Requirement#5 "*Gender equality*": Entirely new requirement added based on Oxfam suggestion.
- Requirement#6 "*Risk assessment*": Score for lowest compliance level adjusted to '0' aligned with scoring system applied to all other requirements.
- Requirement#9 "*Self-assessment*": Major editorial text changes in requirement and compliance level columns for clarification purposes.
- Requirement#10 "*Group Management*": Major editorial text changes in requirement and compliance level columns for clarification purposes.
- Requirement#11 "*Chain of Custody requirements*": Entirely new text in this requirement row as to accommodate different CoC systems, including those based on mass balance.
- Requirement#12 "*Complaint management*": Section with procedures revised/specified.
- Requirement#13 "*Service Providers*": Requirement title changed to align with SRP Standard text. Text changes in compliance level column for clarification purposes.
- Requirement#14 "*Claims and use of SRP-verified label*": Requirement title changed to clarify use of 'label' instead of 'logo' and text changes made accordingly in entire requirement row.

Annex 1: Model of organizational chart for IMS

1. Table

- Text changes made throughout this table for clarification purposes.

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- NOTHING FOLLOWS -