
Sustainable Rice Platform Assurance Scheme v 1.3 Information Note No. 4



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About the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP)

The Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP) is a global multi-stakeholder alliance comprising over 100 institutional members from public, private, research, civil society and the financial sector. Originally co-convened by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), SRP is now an independent not-for-profit member association, working with its partners to transform the global rice sector by improving smallholder livelihoods, reducing the social, environmental and climate footprint of rice production, and by offering the global rice market an assured supply of sustainably produced rice.

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INTRODUCTION

This **Information Note No 4** has normative status and is intended as notification of additional requirements to the SRP Assurance Scheme v 1.3 and shall be used in conjunction with this and other related documents governing the SRP Assurance Scheme. All such documents are made publicly available for download at the SRP website. www.sustainablerice.org/resource

Verification Bodies Fee Clarification

This document supersedes and replaces information and guidelines provided in Assurance Scheme v 1.3, issued in September 2020 which established fee payment requirements for Verification Bodies. This document is intended to clarify responsibility of SRP-authorized Verification Bodies to collect fees.

Adding text to 2. SRP ASSURANCE SCHEME: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

<p>No. 2.1 Ownership</p> <p>2.1.2 End-users of the SRP-Verified Label need not be SRP members and may use the on-pack SRP-Verified Label in accordance with the SRP Member Communication and Claim/Logo/Label Guidelines (Annex 7) provided they can prove the rice was produced by an SRP member. Any use of the SRP name or trademarks is strictly limited to the rights granted under section 13 and must comply in any case with the SRP Member Communication and Claim/Logo/Label Guidelines (Annex 7).</p>	<p>Added text</p> <p>The sponsoring organization commissioning a SRP verification audit and contracting with a VB (which may be a private sector, not-for profit or other organization, including producer groups or individual producers) must be a member of SRP, and will be responsible for payment of audit and other fees as contracted with the VB.</p>
<p>No. 2.2 Costs and Fees</p> <p>2.2.1. SRP's costs related to the SRP Assurance Scheme are met through contributions from SRP annual membership dues, SRP training fees and system fees defined in Annex 6. Verification Bodies (VBs) are free to negotiate their own fees for inspections and other services. In addition, it should be noted that membership dues are waived for farmer organizations</p>	<p>Added Text</p> <p>unless they are the group that commissions and pays for the audit, in which SRP membership dues are payable by the farmer organization.</p>

Added text to Annex 6: SRP FEES

Added text to 1. Producer Registration Fee No. 2)

2) Fees will be charged to the SRP sponsor organizations, (e.g. buyers, millers, traders, etc.) not to producer groups or individual producers	Added text: unless they are the producer group or individual producers contracting with the VB and that commissions and pays for the audit.
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Reference documents

SRP Assurance Scheme v 1.3

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