



Rainforest Alliance Wastewater from processing operations applied to soil

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Policy

Issue Date:	Binding date:	Expiration date:	Replaces:
November 28, 2017	November 28, 2017, and retrospectively until July 1.	Until further notice	Policy "Compliance with Critical Criterion 3.1 for wastewater from processing operations applied to soil".
Developed by:		Approved by:	
Senior Manager, Standards		Director, Global Programs	
Linked to (name of documents):		Reference criterion or clause number:	
Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard 2017, version 1.2.		Critical criterion 3.1	
This policy is applicable to:		Type of organizations (if applicable):	
Audited and certified operations.		Farms and group administrators.	
Crops:		Regions:	
All crops.		All regions.	

1. Introduction

Rainforest Alliance is a growing network of people who are inspired and committed to working together to achieve our mission of conserving biodiversity and ensuring sustainable livelihoods. For more information about Rainforest Alliance, visit our website: <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org>.

2. Policy

Rainforest Alliance authorizes the following rules regarding critical criterion 3.1:

- a. Rainforest Alliance Industrial Wastewater Parameters are only to be used in absence of legal, mandatory requirements in the country, region or sector where the audit is taking place.
- b. Application of wastewater from processing operations to soils - not intended for irrigation - is permitted, where slopes exceed 8% if it has undergone a pretreatment¹ and destined areas' characteristics for their deposit or application avoid runoff.
- c. When wastewater from processing operations is destined for irrigation of production areas with crops that are not fruits or vegetables for fresh consumption, operations may omit water analyses under the condition that the characteristics of the processes generating this wastewater do not represent a risk of contamination with fecal coliforms or intestinal nematodes and that actions are taken to prevent this contamination.

¹ Understood as the removal of macroscopic solids and may include a sand or grit channel or chamber.