



Rainforest Alliance Authorized Countries for Single Farm and Group Administrator Audit and Certification Activities

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Policy

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| Issue Date: | Binding date: | Expiration date: |
| April 3, 2018 | With immediate effect | Until next review |
| Developed by: | | Approved by: |
| Rainforest Alliance | | Chief Sustainable Supply Chains |
| Linked to (code and name of documents, if applicable): | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA-S-SP-1-V1.2 Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard, July 2017 • RA-R-SP-1-V1.2 Certification Rules 2017 | | |
| Replaces: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA-P-SP-3-V2 Authorized Countries Policy | | |
| Clause or criterion number and text (if applicable): | | |
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| Applicable to: | | |
| Authorized Certification Bodies and Auditors | | |
| Regions: | | |
| See section 3 of this document (Countries Approved for Certification Activities) and section 3.1 | | |
| Crops: | Type of organizations: | |
| All crops and cattle production systems according to RA-R-SP-1-V1.2 Certification Rules 2017 | Individual farms and group administrators | |

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: countries authorized for certification

The countries listed in section 3 of this document (Countries Approved for Certification Activities) are approved for Rainforest Alliance certification based on the Rainforest Alliance 2017 Sustainable Agriculture Standard and its related certification documents. The countries listed in section 3.1 of this document (Additional Rules for Bulgaria, Germany, Poland and Serbia) are only approved for Rainforest Alliance certification under condition of Authorized certification bodies' (CBs) compliance with sections 3.1.a) and b).

CBs that wish to carry out Rainforest Alliance certification in these countries must seek approval from Rainforest Alliance as indicated in Rainforest Alliance Authorization Requirements for Certification Bodies. To achieve authorization for a particular country mentioned in this policy, CBs must demonstrate that they have the experienced personnel to audit in that country and understand the risks to compliance with Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard criteria.

Any interested party that wants more information about approved countries, or is interested in the approval of a new country for Rainforest Alliance certification, should contact sas@ra.org.

3. Countries Approved for Certification Activities

| AFRICA | AMERICAS | ASIA |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Algeria | 1. Anguilla (UK) | 1. Bangladesh |
| 2. Angola | 2. Antigua and Barbuda | 2. Cambodia |
| 3. Botswana | 3. Argentina | 3. China |
| 4. Burkina Faso | 4. Aruba (NL) | 4. India |
| 5. Burundi | 5. Barbados | 5. Indonesia |
| 6. Cameroon | 6. Belize | 6. Iraq |
| 7. Central African Republic | 7. Bolivia | 7. Israel |
| 8. Chad | 8. Bonaire (NL) | 8. Japan |
| 9. Congo | 9. Brazil | 9. Kyrgyzstan |
| 10. Democratic Republic of The Congo | 10. British Virgin Islands (UK) | 10. Jordan |
| 11. Egypt | 11. Cayman Islands (UK) | 11. Laos |
| | 12. Chile | 12. Lebanon |

| AFRICA | AMERICAS | ASIA |
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| 12. Equatorial Guinea 13. Eritrea 14. Ethiopia 15. Gabon 16. Ghana 17. Guinea 18. Ivory Coast 19. Kenya 20. Lesotho 21. Liberia 22. Libya 23. Madagascar 24. Malawi 25. Mali 26. Morocco 27. Mozambique 28. Namibia 29. Niger 30. Nigeria 31. Rwanda 32. Senegal 33. Sierra Leone 34. Somalia 35. South Africa 36. Sudan 37. Tanzania 38. The Gambia 39. Togo 40. Tunisia 41. Uganda 42. Western Sahara 43. Zambia 44. Zimbabwe | 13. Colombia 14. Costa Rica 15. Cuba 16. Curacao (NL) 17. Dominica 18. Dominican Republic 19. Ecuador 20. El Salvador 21. French Guiana (France) 22. Grenada 23. Guadeloupe (France) 24. Guatemala 25. Guyana 26. Haiti 27. Honduras 28. Jamaica 29. Martinique (France) 30. Mexico 31. Montserrat (UK) 32. Nicaragua 33. Panama 34. Paraguay 35. Peru 36. Puerto Rico 37. Saba (NL) 38. Saint Barthélemy (France) 39. Saint Kitts and Nevis 40. Saint Lucia 41. Saint Martin (FR) 42. Saint Vincent and the Granadines 43. Sint Estatius (NL) 44. Sint Maarten (NL) 45. Suriname 46. The Bahamas 47. Trinidad and Tobago 48. Turks and Caicos Islands 49. Uruguay 50. United States of America 51. Venezuela | 13. Malaysia 14. Myanmar 15. Nepal 16. Pakistan 17. Philippines 18. Singapore 19. Sri Lanka 20. Syria 21. Taiwan 22. Thailand 23. Turkey 24. Vietnam |
| | | OCEANIA |
| | | 1. Australia 2. Papua New Guinea 3. Solomon Islands 4. Vanuatu |
| | | EUROPE |
| | | 1. Albania 2. Bosnia 3. Croatia 4. France 5. Greece 6. Hungary 7. Italy 8. Kosovo 9. Montenegro 10. Portugal 11. Slovenia 12. Spain |

3.1 Additional rules for Bulgaria, Germany, Poland and Serbia

- a) Any Rainforest Alliance authorized CB may conduct audits in Bulgaria, Germany, Poland and Serbia, only under the following conditions:
 - i. Before conducting an audit in these four countries, the CB shall assess the applicability of the applicable Rainforest Alliance standards and certification documents within the context of the specific country. The assessment shall cover at minimum possible gaps in the standard criteria, applicable local legislation and compliance risk for labor criteria.
 - ii. The CB shall submit this assessment to sas@ra.org for the technical analysis of the Rainforest Alliance.
 - iii. Based on its technical analysis, the Rainforest Alliance may issue specific policies, guidance or training elements as a condition to authorize certification activities in these four countries.
- b) The Rainforest Alliance will evaluate the first cases of certification in these four countries to further understand applicability challenges for the implementation of the Rainforest Alliance 2017 Sustainable Agriculture Standard and revise or issue the respective policies, guidance or training elements for these countries. The Rainforest Alliance will inform CBs accordingly.