



# Rainforest Alliance Policy on Potable Water

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The Rainforest Alliance works to conserve biodiversity and ensure sustainable livelihoods by transforming land-use practices, business practices, and consumer behavior.

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## Policy

<b>Issue Date:</b>	<b>Binding date:</b>	<b>Expiration date:</b>	<b>Replaces:</b>
February 12, 2018	Immediately	Until further notice	N/A
<b>Developed by:</b>		<b>Approved by:</b>	
Senior Manager, Standards		Director, Global Programs	
<b>Linked to (name of documents):</b>		<b>Reference criterion or clause number:</b>	
Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard 2017, version 1.2.		Critical criterion 4.12	
<b>This policy is applicable to:</b>		<b>Type of organizations (if applicable):</b>	
Audited and certified operations.		Farms and group administrators.	
<b>Crops:</b>		<b>Regions:</b>	
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 interpretations of critical criterion 4.12:

- a. In the case of group administrators that are not multi-sites, letter (b) of criterion 4.12 only applies to the water it provides to its workers and other people living or working in its facilities. The letter (c) of this criterion applies to member farms.
- b. Rainforest Alliance Safe Drinking Water Parameters are only to be used as reference, in absence of legal, mandatory requirements in the country, region or sector where the audit is taking place. The following seven quality parameters of the water provided by the certified organization must comply with the levels established in the applicable legislation: E.coli (or thermo-tolerant coliform bacteria), chlorine residue, pH, sodium, nitrates, sulphates and turbidity.
- c. Laboratory tests for bottled drinking water from companies that have the corresponding sanitary authorizations are not necessary.