



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

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## Policy

<b>Issue Date:</b>	<b>Binding date:</b>	<b>Expiration date:</b>
April 3, 2018	With immediate effect	Until next review
<b>Developed by:</b>		<b>Approved by:</b>
Rainforest Alliance		Chief Sustainable Supply Chains
<b>Linked to (code and name of documents, if applicable):</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA-S-SP-1-V1.2 Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard, July 2017</li> <li>• RA-R-SP-1-V1.2 Certification Rules 2017</li> </ul>		
<b>Replaces:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA-P-SP-3-V2 Authorized Countries Policy</li> </ul>		
<b>Clause or criterion number and text (if applicable):</b>		
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<b>Applicable to:</b>		
Authorized Certification Bodies and Auditors		
<b>Regions:</b>		
See section 3 of this document (Countries Approved for Certification Activities) and section 3.1		
<b>Crops:</b>	<b>Type of organizations:</b>	
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](mailto: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. Canada (only flowers)	11. Laos
	12. Cayman Islands (UK)	12. Lebanon

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

### 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](mailto: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.