



Rainforest Alliance Policy on Administrative Traceability at Producer Level for Coconut

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Policy

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Criterion 1.3		
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Certificate holders and certification bodies		
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Global scope		
Crops:	Type of organizations:	
Coconut	Group administrators	

1. Introduction

The 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 the Rainforest Alliance, visit our website: <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org>.

2. Policy on Administrative Traceability at Producer Level for Coconut

Criterion 1.3 of the 2017 Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard requires that “The products harvested, received, processed, mixed, stored, packed, labeled or handled in the farm’s or group administrator’s facilities preserve the product’s integrity in accordance with their claim”. For coconut producers, Rainforest Alliance allows the following interpretation:

- a. Group administrators selling only mass-balance-based certified products may handle those products without physical segregation in accordance with their mass balance sales claims. Volume requirements of criterion 1.2 still apply.

Additionally, the following measures shall be in place:

- b. The intermediaries, if applicable, comply with administrative traceability.
 - i. An intermediary is any actor in the supply chain that physically handles, collects, transports, trades and/or stores Rainforest Alliance Certified™ product before it reaches the central location(s) of a producer or producer group. This includes all actors, regardless of whether they own the product, are subcontracted by the producer or producer group, or are part of it.
 - ii. Administrative traceability is a documented product flow including at least the farmer names and bought volume, from the group member or plot to the collection points of the intermediaries or group administrator, and throughout all processing and handling stages in the certificate holder’s supply chain.
- c. The periodical internal inspections by the group administrator cover all the intermediaries to ensure either physical segregation or administrative traceability is implemented.
- d. During the external audit, in addition to the audit sample of the group members, the certification body shall audit a sample of intermediaries equal to the square root of the number of intermediaries, rounded up to the next whole number or a minimum of two, whichever is higher.

3. Consequences

Failing to comply with the requirements described in 2.b and 2.c will result in a nonconformity with critical criterion 1.3.