



# Fair for Life & For Life Certification Standards

## History of Changes

The Fair for Life and For Life Standards are continuously evolving and adapting to the evolution of society and economy. Certified and applicant operations shall make sure to always have the most up-to-date edition of the Standard, i.e. the one published on the website ([www.fairforlife.org](http://www.fairforlife.org)).

In order to ensure a fair and transparent evolution, there are two mechanisms by which changes are implemented:

### 1. Continuous evolution

The Standards are continuously developed based on the annual consultation of the FFL&FL Scheme Committee about specific topics. This Committee is a group of representatives from different stakeholder groups.

In case of major changes to the requirements, committed operations receive a communication and the respective transition modalities by their Certification Body.

### 2. Regular Standard revisions

In addition, the Standards are regularly revised with the input of public stakeholder consultations according to the [Fair for Life Revision Procedure](#). Any changes in the Standards are identified in the Revision report. Committed operations receive a communication and the respective transition modalities each time.

In addition, **minor corrections and modifications** which contribute to the better understanding of the requirements can be made at any time without the consultation of stakeholders, including adaptations of wording and translations, improvement of guidance texts etc.

The table below summarizes the modifications in the FFL&FL Standards since the publication of the Version February 2017.

The Certification Body is responsible for defining appropriate **transition modalities** and communicating them to its committed operations.

Version	Modification	Comments
February 2017	<i>First Version</i>	
	<i>Edition 11.09.2017</i> Chapter 8.3 – Adapted the applicability for Organized Groups/Contract Production Corrected reference errors Clarified of terminology: Producer Operation (Floor/Sales) Price (FFL) Improved translations Prohibited chemicals: included of post-harvest treatments Annex V: Adjusted the requirement on publication of mass-balance derogations	



	<p><i>Edition 31.07.2018</i>          Included additional definitions in the environmental part of the Glossary          Improved translations</p>	
<p><b>April 2019</b></p>	<p><b>FFL&amp;FL Standard:</b>          Excluded the possibility for exception of <b>wage deductions</b> as disciplinary measure (SOC-32)          Clarified scope of application for <b>packaging</b> requirement (ENV-26).          Added phenoxyethanol to the list of <b>prohibited conservatives</b> in cosmetics (CONS-25)          Clarified the overall applicability of <b>environmental compliance</b> to all activities of the company, not only the ones related to the certified product (Chapter 3)          Clarified <b>labelling rules</b> when <b>FT percentage</b> is 100% (Annex II)</p> <p><b>FFL Standard:</b>          Addressed possible <b>improvement of products and/or processes</b> (value addition) in Fair Trade Diagnosis and Fair Trade Action Plan (POL-11 and POL-15)          Clarified that the <b>FT Fund calculation method must be written</b> in the Partnership Framework Agreement (TRAD-7)          For <b>FT Partners that source shea nuts or argan kernels</b> in non- or low-processed form (and their Producer Operations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduced <b>additional calculation rule for the FT Fund</b> (TRAD-45)</li> <li>- Changed level of criteria for <b>Support to Producer Operations</b> (BONUS → MUST Year 1) (EMP-18)</li> </ul> <p>Limited possibility to <b>use FT Fund for fund management expenses</b> to small entities or organized groups with a majority of smallholders (EMP-24 and EMP-32 Table)</p> <p><b>For Brand Holders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Included commitment to <b>FT awareness raising</b> activities in the Fair Trade Strategic Plan and make the activities a MUST Year 4 requirement (POL-19 and CONS-21)</li> </ul> <p>Clarified that <b>recognitions</b> must happen <b>at the first operation in the supply-chain that is FFL certified</b> (and not by registered operations, or operations buying from suppliers which are both FFL and certified according to a recognized scheme) (ANNEX IV).</p> <p><b>FL Standard:</b>          Clarified wording for <b>application scope for Ethical Sourcing Policy</b> (POL-10; TRAD-1 to -3)          For <b>Cosmetics</b> in the <b>FL Product Certification Option</b>: Included Requirement for COSMOS Natural or Organic certification (Chapter 3)          Changed level of criteria (MUST Year 4 → MUST Year 1) for <b>Healthy and Safe Products approach</b> (CONS-22)</p> <p><b>Must Be Fair Trade List:</b>          Clarified the <b>application scope</b> of the List: FFL certified products and products that are “Made with FFL ingredients”          Specified <b>processing degrees</b> of the listed raw materials which must be sourced in Fair Trade certified quality.</p>	<p>For details on the modifications please see the <a href="#">Scheme Committee Consultation Report 2018</a></p> <p>Transition modalities for the implementation of modified criteria by already committed operations to be informed by the Certification Body.</p>

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