

Standard	General information		Sustainability focus		Scope		Certification process				Cost & benefits				More information	
	Description	Social	Management Ethics	Environmental	Which products / principles are included in standard?	Who can be certified or who can be a member of an initiative?	How is certification done?	Who does the 3rd-party auditing?	Is group certification possible?	Are other certification schemes/standards recognized?	What fees do I need to pay?	Is there a fair trade fund?	Do I receive a guaranteed minimum price?	Who can see that I am certified?	Website	Documents
Product certification																
Fair for Life	The Fair for Life Certification Programme, founded in 2006, offers socially and environmentally responsible companies and organizations a solution for brand neutral third party inspection and certification in production, manufacturing and trading. It combines strict social, environmental and fair trade standards with adaptability to local conditions. The standard is owned by Ecocert.	49%	14%	36%	All natural products (from agriculture, wild collection, aquaculture, livestock, beekeeping, etc.) and handicrafts.	Producers (smallholders take priority), processors and traders globally	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1 year (desk-based audit possible); Renewal audit every 3 years	Ecocert	Yes	- FLO Fairtrade - Fair Trade USA - FairWild - Naturland Fair - SPP	- Audit fees - Certification fees	Yes	Prices are negotiated and agreed between sellers and buyers; sales prices are aimed to be at least 5-10% above conventional market prices.	Businesses and consumers	https://www.fairforlife.org/	https://www.fairforlife.org/client/fairforlife/file/Standard/Fair_for_Life_Standard_EN.pdf
Fairtrade International Hired Labour	The purpose of the Fairtrade Standard for Hired Labour is to set the requirements that determine participation in the Fairtrade system that applies to workers, empowering them to combat poverty, strengthen their position and to take more control of their lives. The requirements ensure that employers pay decent wages, guarantee the right to join trade unions, and make certain that health, safety and environmental principles are adhered to. The standard is owned by Fairtrade International.	48%	15%	37%	There are product-specific standards for: Flowers and plants, Fresh fruit, Fresh vegetables, Herbs and herbal teas, Oseeds and oleaginous fruit, Prepared and preserved fruit, Sports balls, Tea	Hired labour in developing countries	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1-2 years; Renewal audit every 3 years	FLOCERT	Yes	No	- Audit fees - Certification fees	Yes	Yes, Fairtrade minimum price.	Businesses and consumers	https://www.fairtrade.net/	https://files.fairtrade.net/HL_EN.pdf
Fairtrade International Small Producer Organizations	The Fairtrade Standard for Small-scale Producer Organizations applies to small-scale farming organizations that supply Fairtrade products. The Standard provides a framework for small-scale producers to build resilient and inclusive organizations, improve their farming performance, and generate more benefits for their members and their communities. The standard is owned by Fairtrade International.	43%	17%	39%	There are product-specific standards for: Cane sugar, Cereals, Cocoa, Coffee, Fibre crops, Fresh fruit, Herbs, herbal teas and spices, Honey, Nuts, Oseeds and oleaginous fruit, Prepared and preserved fruit, Tea and Vegetables	Producers in developing countries; traders, brand owners, retailers globally	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1-2 years; Renewal audit every 3 years	FLOCERT	Yes	No	- Audit fees - Certification fees	Yes	Yes, Fairtrade minimum price.	Businesses and consumers	https://www.fairtrade.net/	https://files.fairtrade.net/standards/SPO_EN.pdf
FairWild	FairWild is a sustainability framework for the collection and trade in wild plant products. The FairWild Standard guides businesses in sustainable collection and resource management, simultaneously ensuring collectors ethical working conditions and a fair wage. FairWild offers a total quality management system – including product certification – to assure buyers that FairWild certified products are sourced and produced in a socially and ecologically sound way.	58%	24%	18%	FairWild does not apply to cultivated crops, only for wild collection situations: products collected from the wild or processed ingredients for fished products (e.g. essential oils and fatty oils). This also includes the collection of plants, lichens or fungi or parts or products thereof on cultivated land if the target species for collection are only a by-product and not the target of cultivation.	Producers – or wild plant collection operations – are the only entities that are eligible for FairWild Certification. As a buyer of wild plant ingredients, you can register to trade in FairWild-certified products and demonstrate your commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility with the FairWild mark.	On-site audit; Done by third-party; FairWild certificates are valid for 15 months; Audits are required annually, based on species harvest times.	Approved control bodies	Yes	Recognised: - Fair for Life - FairTrade USA	Certification audits depend on location, size and complexity of operations and include audit, evaluation, certification and office costs.	Yes	Prices paid to collectors for the FairWild target products should be ~5% higher than the prices paid by comparable companies in the same region for the same conventional (non certified, non-organic or other quality standard certified) wild harvested products. Best practice would be a	Businesses and consumers	https://www.fairwild.org/	https://www.fairwild.org/documents

Forest Stewardship Council	FSC is a certification scheme promoting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests. You have a standard for Chain of custody (CoC) certification; so anyone, anywhere in the world, can quickly determine the origins of the wood products and the processes through which they have been. You also have a Forest Management (FM) standard, which certifies that timber has come from a forest which has been managed according to the FSC social, economic and environmental standards.	43%	18%	39%	Any forest product, like products made from paper, wood, forest-based textiles, rubber, etc. on-timber forest products, as well as non-timber forest products like barks, cork, rattan, bamboo, essential oils, medicinal and cosmetic ingredients, nuts, mushrooms, fruits, honey and maple syrup	Any company involved in the production, processing or transformation of forest products (FM standard: Single forest management unit, forest management groups, single legal entities managing multiple forest management units / CoC standard: processors, manufacturers, traders, wholesalers, importers, builders, contractors, publishers).	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every year (desk-based possible for small and low intensity managed forests); Renewal audit every five years	FSC accredited certification bodies	Yes	No	Forest assessment and audit fees, annual audit fees	No	No	Businesses and consumers	https://fsc.org/en/document-centre/documents/resource/302
GOTS	The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is recognised as the world's leading processing standard for textiles made from organic fibres. It defines high-level environmental criteria along the entire organic textiles supply chain and requires compliance with social criteria as well.	44%	18%	37%	Only complete/finished products (examples: yarns, fabrics, garments, fashion textile accessories, home textiles) can be certified. Textile fibre components of a consumer product (such as prams with textile fabrics, bassinets or furniture with textile fabric upholstery) may also be certified and labelled as a "Combined Product". It is not possible to certify and label a part or component of a product.	Textile processing, manufacturing and trading entities can apply for certification according to the Global Organic Textile Standard. Farming projects that want to produce organic fibre cannot apply for GOTS certification, but for certification according to organic farming standards.	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1 year.	GOTS approved certification bodies	Yes	No	- Certification fees, depend on location(s), size and type of the entity and the range of products that are intended to be processed or traded under the scope of certification. - Annual licence fee of €150 (in 2021) or each facility which is inspected.	No	No	Businesses and consumers	https://global-standard.org/library/documents/standard-and-manual/gots_version_6_0_en1.pdf
Naturland Fair	As an organic association of growers the world over and as a partner of both processing as well as trading enterprises, Naturland aims at connecting all the players involved in food production with each other in a spirit of mutual respect. Naturland Fair combines the values of organic, social, regional and fair trade and imbues them with life. In doing so, Naturland embraces people in all parts of the world and connects the global north with the global south. The standard is owned by Naturland.	43%	19%	37%	Bananas, cereals, cocoa, coffee, cotton & fibers, flowers, food & beverages, fruits, nuts, palm oil, plants, rice, soy, spices, sugar, tea and vegetables.	Global	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance and renewal audit every 1 year.	Naturland cooperates primarily with: - BCS-Öko-Garantie - IMO Institute of Marketecologie - Lacon - Ökop-Zertifizierungsgesellschaft	Yes	No	- Audit fees - Certification fees	Yes	Yes. Minimum fair trade price.		https://www.naturland.de/en/naturland/wir-und-unsere-fair.html
OEKO-TEX STeP	STeP by OEKO-TEX stands for Sustainable Textile & Leather Production and is a modular certification system for production facilities in the textile and leather industry. The goal of STeP is to implement environmentally friendly production processes in the long term, to improve health and safety and to promote socially responsible working conditions at production sites.	42%	30%	28%	Textile and leather products.	STeP by OEKO-TEX standard can be applied for the certification of production facilities throughout the entire textile and leather production chain.	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 18 months; Renewal audit every 3 years	OEKO-TEX Institutes	No	Accepted Third-Party certification systems include: - amfori BSCI - WRAP - SA8000	Certification fee, depending on size and processes of company, needed support, documentation of the audit and the issuing of the certificate	No	No	Businesses	https://oeko-tex.com/imported-media/downloadfile/STeP_by_OEKO-TEX_R_standardsteP-by-oeko-tex

Ecovadis	EcoVadis is a sustainability management platform (i.e. not a certification scheme) that supports the management of non-financial information (including environmental, labor & human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement impacts) between suppliers. EcoVadis helps assess their customer's global supplier base, for instance through inviting suppliers to be rated on their sustainability performance.	33%	26%	41%	The objective of EcoVadis is to measure the quality of a company's sustainability management system through its policies, actions and results. The assessment focuses on 21 sustainability criteria that are grouped into four themes: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement.	Customers of EcoVadis are companies, including large multinational enterprises. As a supplier you can decide or may be requested by your buyer to register your CSR performance on the online platform.	The EcoVadis sustainability assessment is organized into four stages: registration, questionnaire, and after payment: expert analysis and results.	EcoVadis sustainability experts	No	No	https://ecovadis.com/nl/plans-pricing/	No	No	Businesses	https://ecovadis.com/	https://resources.ecovadis.com/
ETI	The Ethical Trade Initiative (ETI) exists to improve working conditions in global supply chains by developing effective approaches to implementing the ETI Base Code. All corporate members of ETI agree to adopt the Base Code and aspire to help their suppliers meet all aspects of the code too. ETI is not a certification scheme.	87%	13%	0%	International Labour Organisation, and consists of 9 principles: Employment is freely chosen; Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining are respected; Working conditions are safe and hygienic; Child labour shall not be used; Living wages are paid; Working hours are not excessive; No discrimination is practised; Regular employment is provided; No harsh or inhumane treatment is allowed.	Companies, NGOs and Trade union organisations can become members of ETI.	2nd party; members report to ETI each year, reports are reviewed by ETI and NGO and Trade Union members.	N/A	No	The ETI Base Code is founded on the conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and is an internationally recognised code of good labour practice. It is viewed as a global reference standard and is widely used as a benchmark against which to conduct social audits and develop ethical trade action plans.	- Annual fee based on turnover. - One-off fee to apply for ETI membership of £900 (trade unions do not pay for their membership)	No	No	Businesses	https://www.ethicaltrade.org/	https://www.ethicaltrade.org/resources/eti-base-code
For Life	The For Life certification scheme defines a global approach for sustainable development. It is aimed at organisations and companies wishing to demonstrate their commitment to sound practices in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and to optimize supplier selection processes by easily identifying business partners that share their values and commitment to CSR principles.	49%	12%	38%	Standard requirements include CSR Policy Management, Social Responsibility, Environmental Responsibility, Local Impact, CSR in Supply-Chain Management, Empowerment, Respect for the Consumer, and Managing Certification and Performance. Product certification is optional for For Life.	Producers (smallholders take priority), and brand holders globally	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1 year (desk-based audit possible); Renewal audit every 3 years	Ecocert	Yes	Recognised schemes (only for producer operations, i.e. not for handlers/traders): - Fairtrade - FairWild - SPP - Fair Trade USA - Naturland Fair - Ecosocial IBD Also, accepted certification proofs for labour practices are: - SA 8000 / GOTS certificate - ETI-SMETA / BSCI Audit report not older than 18 months - Detailed social standard report section as part of an IFOAM accredited organic certification scheme with social principles - Other trustworthy third-party fair labour verification schemes, including those related to ISO 26000 / CSR evaluation, may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.	- Audit fees - Certification fees	No	No	Businesses and consumers	https://www.fairforlife.org/	https://www.fairforlife.org/client/fairforlife/file/Standard_For_Life_Standard_EN.pdf
GRASP	GRASP stands for GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice. It is a voluntary, ready-to-use module developed to assess social practices on the farm, such as specific aspects of workers' health, safety, and welfare. Recognition of the completion of the GRASP assessment will help producers demonstrate compliance with both national and international labor law. Whilst GRASP assessments are not complete social audits, GRASP is focused on examining the social aspect of the producer's management system.	88%	12%	0%	Fruit and vegetables, field crops, flowers and ornamentals, hop, tea, plant propagation material, cattle and sheep, dairy, calf/young beef, poultry, turkey, and fish.	Any individual producer and producer group with GLOBALG.A.P. certification may apply for GRASP.	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1 year; Renewal audit every 3 years	https://www.globalgap.org/uk-en/what-we-do/the-gg-system/benchmarking/BM-Equivalence/index.html	GLOBALG.A.P. Approved Certification Bodies	Yes	The Certification Body that assesses GRASP charges its own costs for the assessment hours/days and the costs of the assessor.	No	No	Businesses and consumers	https://www.globalgap.org/uk-en/for-producers/globalg.a.p.-addon/grasp/	https://www.globalgap.org/content/gallery/document/s/201105_GRASP_CL_Option1_V1_3-1-i_Jul20_en.pdf

SA8000	The SA8000 Standard is the world's leading social certification program. The SA8000 Standard and Certification System provide a framework to conduct business in a way that is fair and decent for workers and to demonstrate their adherence to the highest social standards. Accountability International is the standard owner.	86%	13%	1%	Elements of the SA8000 standard include: Child labour; Forced or compulsory labour; Health and safety; Freedom of association & right to collective bargaining; Discrimination; Disciplinary practices; Working hours; Remuneration; Management system	Organisations, brands, retailers of all sizes, in any industry, anywhere in the world	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 1 year (desk-based audit possible); Renewal audit every 3 years	SA8000 Accredited Certification Bodies	Yes	No	Audit costs, determined by certification bodies, based on market prices and the size, scope, location, and number of days and auditors needed to conduct the audit.	No	No	Businesses	https://sa-intl.org/programs/sa8000/	https://sa-intl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/SA8000Standard2014.pdf
SMETA	SMETA (Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit) is Sedex's social auditing standard that businesses can use to assess a supplier's working conditions, across the areas of labour, health and safety, environment and business ethics. SMETA's role is to align social audit standards and monitoring practices, to ease the auditing burden on suppliers by sharing reports and driving improvements in supply chain labour standards.	58%	19%	23%	SMETA 2-Pillar audits are governed by the 9 principles of the ETI base code. SMETA 4-Pillar audits include more extensive environmental management requirements as well as business practices.	All sizes and types of employment site including manufacturing sites, agricultural sites and service providers.	1st, 2nd or 3rd-party	Affiliate audit companies	Yes	Standard based on principles of ETI base code. In addition, all social audits can be uploaded onto the Sedex platform, yet it lies with the individual member to decide what audit is acceptable to them (such as BSCI, WRAP or SA8000).	The audit body supplies the audit requestor with a quotation and contractual details.	No	No	Businesses	https://www.sedex.com/our-services/smeta-audit/	https://www.sedex.com/our-audit/smeta-documents/
WFTO Fair Trade	The World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) is a global network of organisations representing the Fair Trade supply chain. The WFTO Guarantee System combines Fair Trade and social enterprise verification into one. The Guarantee System is not a product certification system.	62%	27%	11%	WFTO Guarantee System assesses the entirety of a business, not just a specific product, ingredient or supply chain. It includes an assessment of the enterprise's structure and business model, its operations and its supply chains. The assessment is based on the 10 Fairtrade principles to be found here: https://wfto.com/our-fair-trade-system#10-principles-of-fair-trade	The WFTO Guarantee System is applicable to any WFTO member regardless of type, size, activity and products. The Guarantee System is applicable to the activities of members pertaining to sourcing, producing, manufacturing, trading or supporting Fair Trade.	On-site audit; Done by first/second/third-party; Monitoring audit every 2-6 years Peer visit: Every 2-6 years	WFTO Guarantee System Auditors	Yes	Recognition: - Fair For Life - Fairtrade - SPP - Naturland Fair	The fees charged by each auditor for WFTO audits are negotiated and fixed per day.	No	Yes. A Fair Price is freely negotiated through dialogue between the buyer and the seller and is based on transparent price setting. It includes a fair wage and a fair profit. Fair prices represent an equitable share of the final price to each player in the supply chain.	Businesses and consumers	https://wfto.com/our-fair-trade-system	https://wfto.com/sites/default/files/WFTO_Standard_November%202020_print.pdf
WRAP	WRAP (Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production) is a global social compliance certification scheme dedicated to promoting safe, lawful, humane, and ethical manufacturing around the world.	77%	9%	14%	WRAP includes 12 principles, which encompass human resources management, health and safety, environmental practices, and legal compliance including import/export and customs compliance and security standards.	Individual production units in the sewn-products sector (apparel, textile, accessories, footwear, leather, and furniture).	On-site audit; Done by third-party; Surveillance audit every 0.5-2 years (desk-based audit possible); Renewal audit every 3 years	Accredited third-party monitoring firms	Yes	No	- Registration fee of \$1,195 for new certifications as well as for most renewals - Audit costs, set by the individual monitoring firms and paid directly to them	No	No	Businesses	https://wrapcompliance.org/certification/	https://wrapcompliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-08-03-WRAP-Facilities-Handbook.pdf