

Steps to Get SRP-Verified

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1. Understand SRP Tools

SRP provides several tools to help you prepare for verification.

The three **standards used for audits** are:

- [SRP Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation](#): Sets the 41 requirements (as of version 2.2) farmers must follow to meet SRP's sustainability baseline. It's the core benchmark used to verify whether a farm is operating sustainably.
- [Internal Management System \(IMS\) Standard](#): Applies to producer groups or individual farmers managing multiple plots. It defines how they organize, monitor, and control compliance with the SRP Standard. Things like record-keeping, internal audits, staff roles, and oversight systems. It's basically the backbone that ensures group-level consistency and credibility.
- [Chain of Custody \(CoC\) Standard](#): Ensures SRP-verified rice stays traceable and properly controlled as it moves through receiving centers, mills, processors, traders, and exporters. It sets the rules these actors must follow to keep SRP-verified material credible at every step.

Other tools include:

- [Performance Indicators](#) – Track and quantify the sustainability outcomes of rice farming.
- [Assurance Scheme](#) – Lays out how verification works: audit rules, requirements, and credibility checks.
- [Brand Manual](#) – Sets the rules for using SRP labels and claims so branding stays accurate and consistent.

2. Become an SRP Member (Farm-Level Requirement)

- Producers must become SRP Members before undergoing farm-level verification.
- Membership benefits and fees for each category are described in the [SRP Membership Program Manual](#)

3. Training and Capacity Building

- Your team should attend SRP courses through [Authorized Training Providers \(ATPs\)](#); those who pass become SRP Authorized Trainers.
- Mandatory roles—CoC-responsible staff, IMS Manager, and selected IMS Committee members must be trained by an SRP Authorized Trainer.

- IMS manager should become Authorized Trainer for Standard and Performance Indicators (SPI).
- Additional support can come from consultants who are [SRP Authorized Trainers](#) or recommended by CABs/ATPs.

4. Conducting an Internal Assessment

- **Farm Level**

Use the SRP Farm Standard checklist to check your readiness.

Producer Group or individual farmer with multi-plots verification requires IMS and IMS Standard applies.

Related Documents:

- SRP Farm Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation documents and checklist: <https://sustainablerice.org/resources/#t-0-1>
- SRP IMS documents and checklist: <https://sustainablerice.org/resources/#t-0-3>

- **Mills/Processing Sites**

Receiving centers, mills, processors, administrative units, and exporters should use the CoC checklist to assess readiness for traceability requirements.

Related Documents:

- SRP CoC Standard documents and checklist: <https://sustainablerice.org/resources/#t-0-4>

5. Book Your Verification Audit

- Contact an [SRP-approved CAB](#) to conduct:
 - Farm audit (SRP Standard and IMS if applicable)
 - CoC audit for mills, processors, receiving centers, administrative units, and traders
- Note:
 - Farm and CoC audits can be done on the same visit.
 - You'll receive an SRP **Verification Statement** once all requirements are met.
 - Two statements are issued: one for the Farm Standard and one for the CoC Standard.

6. Use SRP RiceTrace

Once you're verified, SRP will grant you access to RiceTrace. The platform used to record and track movements of SRP-verified rice. All verified material must be entered into the system.

Note: Only CoC-verified units can record transactions. Farm-only verified units cannot transact in RiceTrace; their verified volume is transferred to the first CoC-verified buyer.

7. Approval for SRP Label & Claim

If you plan to use the SRP label or make an SRP-verified claim on any product, the packaging artwork must be submitted to SRP for review and approval before it's printed or released.

Indicative Timeline

- **Preparation:** 1–6 months, depending on your readiness and how quickly systems (IMS, CoC, documentation) are put in place
- **Audit:** ~1 week
- **Verification decision:** 4–6 weeks, influenced by audit findings and how fast any corrections are addressed

Fees

Free of charge: SRP tools, RiceTrace access for SRP members, RiceTrace transaction certificate and assessment of label and claim.

- **Fees payable to SRP**
 - **SRP Membership:** Annual, pro-rated; depends on membership category
 - **Farm Registration (Farm Standard):** Annual fee per farm hectare, charged by the CAB
 - **Site Registration (CoC Standard):** Annual fee per CoC site, charged by the CAB
 - **RiceTrace Access for Non-Members:** EUR 250/year for two accounts under the same entity

More information for SRP assurance scheme fee can be found at [SRP-Assurance-Scheme-Fee-Structure-version-3.0-Nov24.pdf](#)

- **Other Related Fees**
 - **Audit fees:** Paid directly to the CAB
 - **Training fees:** Paid to the ATP