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About the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP)

The Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP) is a global multi-stakeholder alliance comprising over 100 institutional members from public, private, research, civil society and the financial sector. Co-convened by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and private sector partners. SRP works with its members and partners to transform the global rice sector by improving smallholder livelihoods, reducing the social, environmental and climate footprint of rice production, and by offering the global rice market an assured supply of sustainably produced rice.

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INTRODUCTION

This Information Note No 6 has normative status and is intended as notification of additional requirements to the SRP Assurance Scheme v 1.3 and shall be used in conjunction with this and other related documents governing the SRP Assurance Scheme. All such documents are made publicly available for download at the SRP website¹.

The scope of this document includes the following topics:

1. Transition Period for SRP Chain of Custody Policy and Standard Version 2.2
2. Extension of Validity of SRP Chain of Custody Standard Fee Structure
3. Volume Registration of Estimated Harvest Volume and Action from Verification Bodies

1 Transition Period for SRP Chain of Custody Policy and Standard version 2.2

1.1 The SRP Chain of Custody Policy and Standard version 2.2 was released on 10 July 2023, effective immediately upon release.

1.2 Version 2.2 incorporates updates made via Information Notes subsequent to release of Version 2.0 and temporarily suspends the requirement for Transaction Certificates (TC) pending ongoing upgrading of the TC database. The revised version was reviewed and endorsed by the SRP Technical Committee in June 2023.

1.3 The transition period to implement the SRP Chain of Custody Policy and Standard version 2.2 shall be three months from date of the document's release. The SRP Chain of Custody Policy and Standard version 2.2 shall therefore become mandatory on 10 October 2023.

2 Extension of Validity of SRP Chain of Custody Standard Fee Structure

2.1 On 31 January 2022 the SRP Board approved a revised fee structure for management of the Chain of Custody Standard, as proposed by GLOBALG.A.P. The fee structure was declared to be valid until 31 December 2022. Validity of the current fee structure is hereby extended to 31 December 2023 when a fee structure review will be conducted.

¹ <https://www.sustainablerice.org/resources/>

3 Registration of Estimated Harvest Volume and Action from Verification Bodies

3.1. Considering the SRP's own data reporting requirements to monitor growth of the SRP Assurance program, Verification Bodies are required to register estimated harvest volumes from SRP-Verified producers into the GLOBALG.A.P. database on an annual basis, within the verification audit period.

3.2. To ensure all SRP Verification audit results and checklists are properly saved and accessible to SRP and GLOBALG.A.P., Verification Bodies shall also share full audit reports and checklists with the SRP Secretariat and GLOBALG.A.P. via email or via cloud storage.

Reference documents

[SRP Assurance Scheme v 1.3](#)

[SRP Chain of Custody Policy & Standard v 2.2](#)

[SRP Chain of Custody Standard Fee Structure 2022](#)

[Information Note No 3](#)

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