

Table of change: SRP standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation v2.2 to v3.0

The Table of Changes of the SRP standard below reflecting the main updates as a result from the intensive work of the Working Groups and feedback from standard practitioners beyond SRP members. These updates ensure that SRP practices remain aligned with the latest policies and technologies. Changes are categorized as an **Addition** or an **Amendment**. Minor changes also have been made to enhance the standard's consistency, such as refining language in requirements to improve user-friendliness and reordering requirements due to the addition of a new one. These minor changes are not listed in the Table of Changes below.

Your attention to this table demonstrates our shared commitment to excellence. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

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Claims	Defining what is sustainable	Amendment	Revised the definition of sustainable: "The SRP Standard offers a framework to enable users to claim that their rice is sustainably cultivated or sourced. Such a claim must correspond to verifiably high overall compliance with defined levels of compliance. SRP has set specific thresholds for minimum scores and mandatory compliance levels for each requirement to support the claim of 'sustainably cultivated rice.' By ensuring thorough documentation and verification of sustainable practices by third-parties, SRP aims to meet the premier standards of global sustainability claims, making it relevant and credible across diverse markets. The SRP Standard's holistic approach covers environmental, social, and economic viability, including aspects like water management, soil health, pest management, nutrient management, harvest & post-harvest, fair labor practices, and financial resilience."	Reinforce the SRP Standard's relevance and credibility in promoting sustainable rice cultivation.
	Promoting improvement	Addition	Adding requirement 7: Land conversion and biodiversity, 25: Rice stubble, and 26: Rice straw to the set of mandatory compliance levels (thresholds) that must be achieved to meet a claim of "Working toward sustainable rice cultivation".	Strengthen the SRP Standard's credibility and effectiveness in promoting sustainable rice cultivation, ultimately benefiting farmers, ecosystems, and communities.
		Amendment	Amending condition to meet the claim Working toward sustainable rice cultivation to be "Achieve a minimum score of 50 points or above on the 1-100 scale (50–89) and..."	
		Amendment	Amending the conditions to continue to meet the claim Working toward sustainable rice cultivation in subsequent years to be as shown below:	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain or improve overall score on second year - Meet essential compliance level (threshold) for all mandatory requirements. - Continue receiving the "Progress Recognition Statement" on second year if the above conditions are met. - Verified on third year - The "Progress Recognition Statement" only available in year 1 and year 2. 	
		Addition	Adding the name of the producer who eligible for the claim Working toward sustainable rice cultivation as Aspiring Producer/ Producer Group	Encourage farmer to join SRP assurance scheme
Requirement 1: Planting calendar	Requirement	Addition	Adding criteria 5) into the requirement. 5) Incorporate plans for crop diversification (such as integrating legumes or implementing rice-fish systems). This promotes soil fertility, pest management, and farm resilience, aligning with multiple SRP Performance Indicators.	Enhances soil fertility, aids in pest control, and boosts farm resilience, in line with multiple SRP Performance Indicators
	Level of Compliance	Amendment	Amending the level of compliance to be as shown below: a) Crop calendar includes the expected and actual dates for all activities (if applicable). b) Crop calendar includes the expected and actual dates for activities 1, 2, 3, and 4, (if applicable) only c) Crop calendar includes the expected and actual dates for activity 1, 2, and 3 or 1, 4, and 5 only. d) Nothing or less than 3 components are applied.	Address other important components that should be included in planting calendar and align with the revision of the requirement.
Requirement 2: Recording and preserving information	Requirement	Addition	Adding "The introduction of digital tools for data recording is encouraged but should be adapted to the local context to avoid exacerbating digital literacy gaps."	Encourage the use of digital use.
		Addition	Adding "active ingredient, amount of pesticide per area, timing of application" as the elements that should be recorded regarding Basic information of pesticide application.	Address the safety and responsible use of pesticide.
	Requirement	Amendment	Specifying the word "international units" in the intermediate information.	Specify and give example of the

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				international units.
		Addition	<p>Adding new criteria for the intermediate information as per below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic quantitative data must be recorded with gender disaggregation. This enables organizations to better understand the unique contributions and challenges of each gender within the production process, supporting more targeted and equitable interventions. In-depth Information for Analysis of Sustainable Practices (all items below must be recorded) Training on separate washing for pesticide-contaminated clothing and awareness of chemical use guidelines is essential for wise pesticide use. Soil Health: Farmers are encouraged to conduct scientific soil health assessments from certified labs, focusing on physical, biological, and chemical parameters. Points may be allocated to farmers who report on soil health assessments. 	Address gender sensitivity and other important components that should be recorded under the intermediate information.
Requirement 3: Training	Requirement	Amendment	<p>Amending the requirement to be as followed:</p> <p>The training plan should be gender inclusive, developed based on assessment results, including internal and external assessments, and tailored to farmers' needs while considering SRP compliance challenges.</p> <p>A structured training plan must be in place, with training provided at least every three years to ensure calibration and refresh farmers' knowledge.</p> <p>To ensure quality and consistency, training must be delivered by SRP Authorized Trainers.</p> <p>Farmers are expected to apply the knowledge gained from these sessions in their farming practices. Training records must be maintained and made accessible for audits</p>	Ensure the effectiveness of the training.
	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending the level of compliance to be as shown below:</p> <p>a) Farmers receive training from trainers that have been trained by</p>	Ensure it is aligned with the revised requirement.

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			<p>SRP Authorized Trainer every three years, have maintained a structured training plan, and apply the knowledge gained.</p> <p>b) The training is conducted every three years, but records are incomplete or only partially accessible.</p> <p>c) Farmers receive training less frequently by authorized trainer or the content is not consistently applied in practice.</p> <p>d) No training is conducted, or training delivered by non-authorized trainer and no records of training are available.</p>	
Requirement 4: Innovative climate change mitigation technology/ solution	The whole new requirement	Addition	Adding the whole new requirement to award producer/ group of producers who apply innovation in their practice to mitigate climate change.	Award producer/ group of producers who apply innovation in their practice to mitigate climate change.
Requirement 6: Soil salinity	Requirement Level of compliance	Amendment	Amending the unit of soil salinity level from dS/cm to dS/m.	Apply the correct unit of soil salinity level.
Requirement 7: Land conversion and biodiversity	Requirement	Addition	<p>Adding additional criteria for large farms/group of large farms as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of individual large producer, must conduct an independent formal identification and risk assessment before the first soil systematization for rice production; and conduct a formal stakeholder consultation process to support the identification and risk assessment. In the case of group administrators of large producers, must adhere to the same rules as the individual large farms. 	Address the risk of land conversion from native ecosystem to rice farming.
	Level of compliance	Addition	<p>Adding a separate level of compliance for large farms/group of large farms as shown below:</p> <p>Large farms/group of large farms:</p> <p>a) There has been no conversion of described areas after 2009, and farming practices maintain and/or</p>	Address the risk of land conversion from native ecosystem to rice farming and ensure it align with the revised requirement.

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			<p>enhance site-specific biodiversity and ecosystem services. Large producer or groups of large producers have conducted an independent risk assessment with a supportive formal Stakeholders consultation process.</p> <p>b) There has been no conversion of described areas after 2009, and farming practices maintain and/or enhance site-specific biodiversity and ecosystem services. Large producer or groups of large producers have conducted an independent risk assessment with a formal Stakeholders consultation process.</p> <p>c) There has been no conversion of described areas after 2009. Large producer or groups of large producers have conducted an independent risk assessment without a formal stakeholders consultation.</p> <p>d) There has been conversion of described areas after 2009, and there is no risk assessment.</p>	
	Risk assessment.	Addition	Adding document for risk assessment in land conversion as annex B.	Provide a guidelines for producer to conduct a risk assessment.
Requirement 9: Leveling	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending the level of compliance of rice cultivated on flat land or on terraces to be as shown below:</p> <p>a) Land has been leveled up to 1/1000 within-plot slope (confirmed through the elevation survey).</p> <p>b) Land has been leveled manually.</p> <p>c) Land has not been leveled.</p>	Make the level of compliance more practical.
	Requirement	Amendment	Replacing the word "dry land" with "rainfed"	Ensure the proper term use.
	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending the level of compliance of rice cultivated on rainfed land to be as shown below:</p> <p>a) No leveling is required, but in the case of sloping land either physical (e.g., contour farming) or cultural</p>	Make the level of compliance more practical and expand the scope to cover leveling practice in rainfed area.

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			<p>(e.g., mulching) soil conservation practices are used.</p> <p>b) Leveling is required and it is done either manually or with laser</p> <p>c) Levelling is required and it is not done</p> <p>d) Leveling is required, but in the case of sloping land no conservation practices are used</p>	
Requirement 11: Water Management	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending the level of compliance of water management on irrigated production system— not flood-prone to be as shown below:</p> <p>a) Farmer implements all six measures with at least a single drying cycle, preferably multiple drying cycles of AWD.</p> <p>b) Farmer implements measures 2, 3, 5 and 6 only.</p> <p>c) Farmer implements measures 2 and 5 only.</p> <p>d) None of the above.</p>	Address the important of AWD practice.
Requirement 13: Inbound Water Quality	Requirement	Addition	<p>Adding additional request of minimum test water quality test report as shown below.</p> <p>"Farmer need to provide a test report confirming that inbound water is free of biological and saline contamination. In addition, farmer should also demonstrate inbound water is free from heavy metal contamination or, alternatively, provide the proof that grains are free from heavy metals.</p> <p>In the presence of (risks of) contaminated water, a minimum water quality test must be conducted or based on the test results, corrective measures must be taken, such as, installation of a filtration system or selection of alternative varieties if available."</p>	Ensure clean source of water use in rice farming.
Requirement 17: Organic fertilizer choice	Requirement	Addition	Adding "microbials, biochar" to example of organic material	Provide more variety of good organic materials that farmer can apply to their farm.
Requirement 19: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Introduction	Addition	<p>Adding more information in the introduction in including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding more bullet. "Aligning pesticide use with crop registration, 	Cover essential IPM practices, following FAO/WHO

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			<p>sensitizing farmers on pre-harvest intervals, and promoting the use of pesticides registered for rice." to the <i>Principle of IPM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding "In alignment with FAO/WHO 2016 guidance on highly hazardous pesticides, SRP is fully committed to the phase-out of these substances in the rice sector" • Adding "All farmers implementing SRP must be trained by trainers who have been endorsed by an SRP-authorized trainer. This ensures that farmers are knowledgeable about the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) concept, including historical weed emergence records, the use of rice registered pesticides with shorter Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI) and minimum impact on environment." 	2016 guidelines and ensuring effective IPM through training.
	Requirement 19.1 – 19.5	Addition	Adding "it is not an HHP" in to criteria regarding the pesticide selection	Ensure FAO/WHO 2016 guidelines are cooperated in the IPM requirements.
	Requirement 19.1 Weed management	Addition	Adding one more bullet, "There is no use of fire for weed control"	Address weed burning issue.
		Addition	Adding "Application of pre-emergence or early post emergence herbicides will support higher crop yield potential." Into criteria 4	Cover best practice of using herbicide.
	Requirement 19.4 Mollusc management	Amendment	Replacing the word "snail" with "Golden Apple Snails"	Be more accurate.
Requirement 20: Time of harvest	Requirement	Amendment	Amending the criteria 1 and 2 into: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When 80% to 85% of the grains per panicle are mature. 2. When moisture content for mechanize harvesting is between 21% and 24%, while for hand harvest less than 20%. 	Be more practical.
Requirement 22: Drying time	Requirement	Amendment	Amending the criteria bullet 1 into: <p>For mechanize harvesting is between 21% and 24%, while for hand harvest less than 20% for direct selling, for sale within 3 days.</p>	Be more practical.
Requirement 27: Safety instruction and first aid	Requirement	Addition	- Adding criteria 3. Workers must be provided with informational material in the local language that they can refer to at home. This material	Emphasize on pesticide safety and to provide more

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			<p>should include first aid instructions for pesticide poisoning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding requirement regarding on First Aid Kit Standards in criteria 2. - Adding requirement regarding Pesticide Risk Reduction Training in criteria 1. 	comprehensive resources for workers.
	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending level a), b) and c) as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meet all criteria. Workers, including working household members, receive regular quality training on pesticide risk reduction, including IPM and demonstrate safe practices on farm. They receive informational materials in local language for home use, have first aid kits on farm and easily accessible medical attention. b) Meet Criteria 1 and 2. Workers, including working household members, receive safety instruction annually, and first aid kit is available on-farm or at a designated medical center known by and easily accessible to farmers in a group. c) Workers, including working household members, have received safety instruction within the last three years, and are aware of how to contact the nearest health worker or clinic. 	Emphasizes quality training and the inclusion of educational materials, reflecting a shift toward a more proactive and thorough approach to worker safety and pesticide management.
	Score	Amendment	Introducing a higher maximum score of 3 points for full compliance compared to 2 points in Version 2.2.	Address the essential of a robust implementation of safety measures.
	Icons	Amendment	Amending from only the farmer to both farmer and the group are responsible for tracking action and maintaining evidence of level of compliance.	Ensure the effectiveness of adopting best practice.
Requirement 28: Tools and equipment	Requirement	Addition	Adding "Special attention is paid to ensure availability to women and farm workers and training on safe use." to the description	Address gender sensitivity and pesticide safety.
	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending all level of compliance as shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Calibration and maintenance within current crop cycle and available for contracted smallholder farmers. Training is provided. 	Address availability of the tool and equipment to the farmer and worker.

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			b) Calibration and maintenance within the past 2 years. Farmers are equipped with tools. c) No calibration and maintenance within the past 2 years. Not all farmers are equipped with necessary tools.	
Requirement 29 - 35	Score	Amendment	Amending the score: Farmers who do not use pesticides will receive 'N/A' instead of a score of 2.	Ensure consistency in the scoring system
Requirement 29: Training of pesticide applicators	Requirement	Addition	Adding more information in the description and criteria in including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding request for pesticide risk assessment. - Adding "storage/ disposal, washing" in the requested training content. - Adding 3 more criteria for large farm: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Applicators sign consent forms acknowledging they understand the risks and will follow safe practices. 6) Applicators receive one free health checkup annually. 7) There is a process for Applicators to report incidents (equipment malfunction, poisoning, etc.). 	Ensure comprehensive and inclusive approach to pesticide safety, emphasizing pre-application risk assessment, equitable training access, and worker protections.
	Level of compliance	Amendment	Amending level of compliance b), c) and d) as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Risk Assessment has been conducted and adoption of mitigation practices has been demonstrated; all good practices have been applied. c) Meet only 50% of all applicable criteria. d) None of good practices been applied. 	Ensure the alignment with revised requirement and address the essential of effective training of pesticide applicators.
Requirement 31: Washing and changing	Requirement	Addition	Adding criteria as shown below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All PPE worn during pesticide application is washed after use and does not enter housing. 2. Designated washing areas must be separated from household laundry areas. 3. Clothes and containers are not washed by pregnant or lactating women or by children below 18 years. 	Address harmful work by reducing exposure to hazardous substances for vulnerable groups and ensuring a safe, protective environment for all workers.

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			<p>4. Facilities must be divided by gender and ensure the safety and privacy of vulnerable groups by providing well-lit and lockable spaces.</p> <p>5. Safe spaces with safeguarding measures for workers must be in place.</p>	
	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending level of compliance to be as shown below:</p> <p>If pesticide(s) is (are) used:</p> <p>a) All conditions are met. b) Conditions 1, 2, and 3 are met c) None of the conditions are met</p>	Ensure it aligned with revised requirement.
Requirement 33: Re-entry time	Requirement	Addition	<p>Adding criteria 3:</p> <p>3. Farmers are issued easily visible warning signs to post in their fields, when entry is prohibited. d)</p>	Improve the effectiveness of re-entry protocols.
	Level of compliance	Amendment	<p>Amending level b to be as shown below:</p> <p>b) Farmer meets criteria 1 and criteria 2 or criteria 3.</p>	Ensure the alignment with revised requirement.
	Icons	Amendment	<p>Amending from only the farmer to both farmer and the group are responsible for tracking action and maintaining evidence of level of compliance.</p>	Ensure the effectiveness of adopting best practice.
Requirement 34: Storage of agricultural hazardous substance	Icons	Amendment	<p>Amending from only the farmer to both farmer and the group are responsible for tracking action and maintaining evidence of level of compliance.</p>	Ensure the effectiveness of adopting best practice.
Requirement 35: Agricultural hazardous substance disposal	Requirement	Addition	<p>Adding "However, if space is limited, they may be buried as close as 20 meters, provided the area is not in a water flow line. For farmers with small land plots, it's important to ensure the burial site does not risk contaminating water sources" to criteria 4.</p>	Be more accurate and addressing contamination prevention.
	Level of compliance	Addition	<p>Adding "Incentive or reward-based strategies exist for collection/ disposal." to the level of compliance a.</p>	Ensure the alignment with revised requirement.
	Icons	Amendment	<p>Amending from only the farmer to both farmer and the group are responsible for tracking action and maintaining evidence of level of compliance.</p>	Ensure the effectiveness of adopting best practice.

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Requirement 36: Child labor	Requirement	Amendment	Amending from "Children below 15 years are not engaged as workers" into "Children up to 18 years are not engaged as workers."	Safeguard children's rights and promoting ethical labor practices within the agricultural sector.
	Level of compliance			
	Score	Amendment	Amending the score: Farmer does not engage children below 18 years of age as workers will receive 'N/A' instead of a score of 3.	Ensure consistency in the scoring system
Requirement 37: Hazardous work	Requirement	Addition	Adding "including their physical, mental, or moral wellbeing." into the description.	Provide comprehensive protection for children.
Requirement 38: Education	Requirement	Addition	Adding "If they are unable to go to school, efforts must be made to provide education." into the description."	Address the commitment to ensuring that children receive an education even in challenging circumstances.
Requirement 39: Forced labor	Requirement	Addition	Adding more information as listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding "Workers are permitted breaks every few hours for water, • Adding criteria 7 and 8 as shown below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Safe spaces are created in particular for women (washing, rest, health & hygiene etc.) and workers are treated with dignity. 8. Community Feedback Mechanism established and functional or complaint logbook with addressal mechanism are in place. 	Ensure worker welfare, dignity, and accountability through safe spaces and functional grievance mechanisms.
Requirement 40: Discrimination	Requirement	Addition	Adding criteria 6 which is "Complaint Feedback Mechanism is functional, complaint log maintained, and referral mechanism exists."	Provide comprehensive approach to preventing discrimination