Steps to Get SRP-Verified

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This guidance outlines the main steps for obtaining SRP verification for rice production and supply-chain activities. The requirements depend on whether you are an individual producer, producer group or supply-chain actor, such as a mill, processor or trader. Start by identifying your verification scope and the SRP documents that apply to your activities.

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. *The current version, v2.2, contains 41 requirements. Version 3.0 is planned for launch in January 2027 and will introduce an updated framework of 43 requirements across eight themes.*
- **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 – Provide a framework for measuring the economic, environmental and social performance of rice production over time. Version 3.0 is planned for launch alongside the revised Standard in January 2027, with targeted improvements to the Profitability and Greenhouse Gas Emissions indicators to improve methodological clarity, consistency and practicality.
- Assurance Scheme – Defines how SRP verification is conducted, including audit procedures, responsibilities of SRP-approved Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs), verification decisions and ongoing compliance requirements.
- Brand Manual – Defines how and when the SRP name, artworks (logo and label), verified label and claims may be used on packaging and in other communications, including eligibility conditions, permitted wording and approval procedures.

Note: **Preparing for version 3.0 -** The planned transition comprises six months for preparation and capacity building from January to June 2027, followed by six months of optional application from July to December 2027. Mandatory application is planned from January 2028. Applicants should coordinate with their SRP-approved Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) on the version applicable to their audit and follow SRP's published transition guidance.

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); identify the training required for your verification scope and ensure that the relevant personnel meet the applicable SRP competency requirements. SRP Authorized Training Providers offer courses on the Standard and Performance Indicators, IMS and CoC. Trainer authorization is subject to the relevant SRP training and authorization requirements.
   - 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. **Assess your readiness and address gaps**

   Applicants should:
   - ✓ Use the applicable Farm, IMS and/or CoC checklist.
   - ✓ Identify gaps and implement corrective actions.
   - ✓ Prepare records and evidence before the external audit.
   - **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. *"Individual farmers managing multiple plots" should not automatically be treated as an IMS requirement unless that is explicitly required by the applicable rules.*
     - 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
   - Farm and CoC audits can be done on the same visit.
   - You'll receive an SRP Verification Statement once all requirements are met.

- Following the audit, address any non-conformities within the applicable deadlines. The CAB will make the verification decision and issue the relevant Verification Statement or Statements for the approved scope. Farm and CoC audits may be coordinated where applicable.

6. **Use SRP RiceTrace**

   Once you're verified, SRP will grant you access to SRP RiceTrace – Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP). The platform used to record and track movements of SRP-verified rice. RiceTrace is SRP's platform for managing verified rice volumes, transactions and label and claim approvals. Complete the applicable registration and account setup requirements, and record volumes and transactions according to your approved scope and SRP procedures.

   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. Before printing packaging or publishing communications using the SRP-verified label or an SRP verification claim, obtain the required SRP approval through RiceTrace. Eligibility depends on the verification scope, supply-chain model, supporting verified volume and applicable Brand Manual and CoC requirements.

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