

Important Points related to performing of producer sites internal inspections within group. For specific requirements, visit www.rainforest-alliance.org

1. Chapter 1.4 of Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agricultural Standard –Farm Requirements provides requirements on (1)Internal inspections and self-assessment of each group site and other actors within the certification scope (2) Yearly self-assessment of the compliances of the Group by the management.

2. Frequency:

Refer to Chapter 1.4 of the standard

3. Competency of Internal Inspector

- Refer to Inspector Qualification Matrix.
- Internal inspections become void, if the internal inspections are conducted without meeting the above requirements.

4. Use of Internal or External inspectors

- In case, the Group does not have the qualified internal inspectors then it can engage the external inspectors meeting the above requirements.

5. Language

- Internal inspector shall have working language skills in the corresponding native/working Language. This shall include locally used translator if necessary who accompanies the inspector.

6. Training

It is recommended that five kinds of training be required before beginning supervised inspection work:

- Education in the scope
- General auditor training
- Standards training
- Specific organic inspection training
- Training to certifier procedures and paperwork

7. Conflict of Interest

- Internal inspectors are not allowed to audit their own work or a producer they have consulted in the last two years.

8. Inspection Report Format

- The format of the internal inspection if specified in the standard ,the same to be used . Otherwise ,the requirements can be captured in a format
- The inspection will be carried out in presence of the member or his representative and must include a visit of the whole farm, storage of inputs, harvested products, post-harvest handling and animal husbandry
- In case of severe non-compliance, the results will be reported immediately to the group manager and all measures will be taken according to the internal sanction procedures

9. Submission of Reports:

- All the inspection reports to be submitted by the internal Inspectors to the designated member of the group

Note:

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