



RAINFOREST ALLIANCE

Rainforest Alliance Certification

Sustainable Agricultural Production and Responsible Supply Chain

What is it?

Rainforest Alliance certification strengthens your position in the marketplace – assuring your customers that your agricultural products are grown and harvested on farms that promote social, economic, and environmental standards for sustainable agriculture. Certification to this standard encompasses ecosystem conservation, wildlife protection, and fair treatment and good working conditions for workers. To become certified, participants must comply with the requirements of the Sustainable Agriculture Farm Standard or the Sustainable Agriculture Supply Chain Standard. Adding this internationally recognized Rainforest Alliance certified seal to your product enables both businesses and consumers do their part to ensure a better future for the people and planet.

The Rainforest Alliance 2020 Sustainable Agriculture Standard (SAS) is the result of the merger of Rainforest Alliance and UTZ in 2018, to create a single agriculture sustainability standard and certification program. The new framework allows farms to perform one audit of their operations and avoid duplication of work to adhere to the world's two most widely known sustainability certification standards.

SCS offers Rainforest Alliance auditing and certification services in the United States, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Tanzania, Côte d'Ivoire, Solomon Islands, Portugal, Spain, Australia and New Zealand.

Why Choose SCS?

Certify your agricultural products to Rainforest Alliance Standard and gain consumer trust, retailer preference and product differentiation. With over three decades of experience in sustainability certification and assessment, SCS continues to help food producers, retailers and the entire supply chain achieve their sustainability goals. Our experts can offer you the needed insight and third-party objectivity to credibly prove your responsible business practices.

- Earn the right to promote your achievement in sustainable agriculture and market your products using the internationally recognized Rainforest Alliance Certified seal
- Employ good agricultural practices to increase product quality and operational efficiency
- Satisfy retailer sustainability requirements
- Meet growing consumer demand for traceability, accountability, and transparency in the food that is purchased
- Provide measurable and verifiable results to demonstrate your organization's commitment to sustainability - safeguarding the environment, and the health and well-being of workers and communities

STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

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Apply for Certification

Register with the Rainforest Alliance Certification Platform and complete their Self-Assessment. Rainforest Alliance determines your scope and notifies you when your company can contract an authorized Certification Body.

2

Complete Application

Fill out the SCS application form to receive a complimentary quote. SCS confirms your audit scope with Rainforest Alliance.

3

Schedule the Audit

SCS assigns an auditor and audit dates are proposed. Once an audit date is confirmed, an audit plan is provided to ensure that your team is prepared.

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Onsite Audit

During a site visit, an SCS auditor will review procedures and records, visit fields and facilities, in addition to conducting interviews of management and workers to determine compliance to the Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standard and/or Supply Chain Standard.

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Report

SCS produces a report detailing the outcome of the audit. If any nonconformities are identified, SCS can advise on corrective actions.

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Certification

If your operation meets the Standard's criteria, you are issued a Rainforest Alliance 1-year license and a certificate of compliance valid for three years. You are permitted to use the "Rainforest Alliance Certified" seal on product packaging in accordance with the Rainforest Alliance Standard's logo guide, which is contingent on your approval from the Rainforest Alliance.

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Annual Evaluation and 3-Year Recertification

Certified entities are subject to annual surveillance audits to maintain Rainforest Alliance certification status. Full recertification is required every three years.

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