ISCC Approach to Smallholder Certification and Joint Audits

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Key objectives of the ISCC independent smallholder approach are threefold

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• Support additional income and yield increase

• Enable joint audits
How does this work for independent smallholders?

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Key levers

• ISCC covers the costs for a GRAS verification of Principle 1 and provides tools for organising the Central Office
• Provides customized Train the Trainer training and supports setting up an ISH fund
• Provide scorecard tool
Risk assessment and sustainability analysis* for ISH is covered by ISCC, i.e. documentation for the verification of compliance with ISCC Principle 1
ISCC provides tools for managing group certification and the organization of the central office.
The Train the Trainer concept is a three-level approach – 1\textsuperscript{st} level training held in English with English and Bahasa Charts, 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} level trainings Bahasa only.
Example: ISCC smallholder training – worker health & safety

What is not so good:

- No protection clothes during spraying
- No protection clothes during harvest

What is better:

- Suitable protection clothes:
  - Suitable protective clothing during spraying, e.g. rubber gloves, rubber boots, face masks, protective overalls as well as glasses
  - Regularly cleaning of protective clothing
  - No mix with normal clothing during cleaning or in storage

- Wearing a helm for safety:
  - During harvest, workers safety and health is in danger if certain protective equipment is not available. Injuries from accidents are a risk

Examples of good practice*:

- During spraying, workers health is in danger if no or inappropriate protective clothing available
- Suitable protective clothing during spraying, e.g. rubber gloves, rubber boots, face masks, protective overalls as well as glasses
- Regularly cleaning of protective clothing
- No mix with normal clothing during cleaning or in storage
- Wearing suitable protective clothing such as shoes or helmets
- Disposal of damaged protective clothes

* Non-exhaustive
Scorecard for identifying gaps and enabling customized and focused ISH training

Scorecard allows monitoring at different time points the progresses of the sustainability performances of the smallholder.
Combined ISCC Train the Trainer and GAP training should enable independent smallholders to double their income (II)

Assumptions: Yield today 10,000 kg/ha/year; price 1,600 IDR/kg
Potential solution under ISCC to directly support independent smallholders (ISH)

ISH

Independent Smallholder

Sustainable FFBs from ISH

Processor

Final processor

Mill

GRAS database

Fund for ISH

Sustain. CPO from ISH

Final processor

Sustain. palm products* from ISH*

Final processor

Buying ISH FFB equivalent contributions

Transfer of ISH contributions

Verification of Mass Balance certified FFB physical flow
The scorecard is based on ITC* criteria and is also connected in the same file to the ISCC independent smallholder checklist.

* ITC covers 200 assessment categories und sustainability certification systems.
The scorecard highlights when the smallholder fulfilled the minimum level of compliance required for achieving ISCC certification.
Many thanks for your attention!