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How Food Security Can Be Integrated In Certification Schemes:
The Food Security Standard

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WELTHUNGERHILFE

• One of Germany’s largest private aid agencies conducting over 400 projects in 39 countries

• Fights against hunger – non-denominational and politically independent – works together with local partner organisations wherever possible

• Our principle: helping people to help themselves

• Pursues an integrated concept ranging from immediate disaster relief and reconstruction to long-term development projects

• Advocates for the poor and hungry
AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PRODUCTION
821 MILLION PEOPLE ARE GOING HUNGRY

More than 1 in 9 of the world population

http://www.globalhungerindex.org/
SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

Food Security?
FOOD SECURITY STANDARD
iii. A company considers its suppliers as true partners in value creation. It provides a fair chance to new market entrants. It integrates respect for human rights into the entire supply chain.

10 Dec. 1948, Article 25 (1):
“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, ...”
FSS is Rooted in the Right to Food

**Five Pillars of the Food Security Standard**

- Rule of law
- Food security / development strategies
- Mitigating natural and human-made disasters
- ...  

- Land rights
- Water rights, quality and availability
- Sustainable agricultural practices
- ...  

- Market access
- Employment
- Farm profitability
- Fair contracts
- Labor rights
- Living wage / income
- Safety nets
- ...  

- Clean drinking water
- Adequate nutrition
- Decent living facilities
- Health and safety
- ...  

- Women rights, gender equity
- Awareness for nutrition
- Grievance mechanisms
- Capacity building
- Education
- Monitoring food security
- ...  

**UN Right to Food Guidelines**

**Human Right to Adequate Food**
Right to adequate Food is protected by producers of agricultural commodities within their field of responsibility:

- Farmers and workers are food secure
- Food security in area of influence does not deteriorate
FSS and Sustainability Standards

**Food Security Standard**
- Criteria and indicators
- Food security assessment tools
- Check-list and handbook for auditors

**Existing sustainability standards**

**Right to Food respected in agricultural production**
FSS Successfully Tested in Different Settings
Pilot Audit in St. Cruz Dept./Bolivia
✓ Proven and recognized set of food security criteria and indicators that can be adopted (fully integrated or as add-on) by any sustainability standard/certification system

✓ Suitable for different agricultural commodities and different uses (food, feed, energy, bio-based materials)

✓ Suitable for plantations and smallholder farmers

✓ Tools for straightforward implementation:
  ▪ FSS Handbook
  ▪ Audit tools (checklists, interview guidelines etc.)
  ▪ Training materials
Why Should an Operation Comply with FSS?

• Food and nutrition security
  • are crucial for the health of farmers and workers
  • and as such are essential to ensure the productivity of the farm/plantation and the quality of the products
  • are necessary to ensure a peaceful and safe surrounding of the operation
  • are cornerstone for a sustainable production
• Prove that all reasonable precautions and due diligence were applied to avoid committing an offence of the Human Right to Food
• Mitigation of reputational risks
• Competitive advantage
• Rising market demand
  • new legislations expected which apply the respect of human rights along global supply chains
ISCC is partner of the Food Security Standard (FSS)

Due to an increasing international demand for agricultural commodities, food security and the production for export are often competing. The Food Security Standard (FSS) closes this gap and provides a set of practical and measurable criteria and audit tools that can be integrated into existing sustainability standards like ISCC. The FSS was established...
Let’s go for it!

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