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## C.A.F.E. Practices 'In harvest' classification terms

Dear C.A.F.E. Practices applicants and verifiers,

In an effort to further support C.A.F.E. Practices' continuous improvement, please find below important information regarding 'in harvest' classification terms for C.A.F.E. Practices:

- New supply chains applying to the program can decide to start in or off harvest and will have a validity period corresponding to the respective start of the crop period under verification.
- Every other verification should be done in harvest.
- 3 year validity will be granted to vertically integrated (non-sampled) Preferred or Strategic supply chains, only if the verification takes place 'in harvest', as defined in this document.
- 2 year validity will be granted to complex (sampled) Preferred or Strategic supply networks only if the verification takes place 'in harvest', as defined in this document.
- Mills scoring 60 percent or above, in both the social and the processing criteria, will be granted a 3 year validity but with no status, only if the verification takes place 'in harvest', as defined in this document.

### **Definition of 'in harvest' verification:**

If the verification takes place 'in harvest' as defined below, the verifier will indicate in the C.A.F.E. Practices verification report that verification took place during harvest.

#### **1.0 Farm level:**

##### **1.1 For large ( $\geq 50$ hectares) and medium farms ( $\geq 12$ hectares < 50 hectares):**

For large and medium farms, the inspector should select yes on the farm coversheet for 'in harvest' if at least one plot of the farm has green cherries and at least one plot on the farm has ripe cherries, which should be observable at the time of the verification.

##### **1.2 For small holder farms (<12 hectares):**

**For small holder farms, the inspector should select yes on the farm coversheet for 'in harvest' if ripe cherry is observed at the time of the verification.**

#### **2.0 Mill level:**

Mill machinery (depulpers, washers, fermentation tanks, mechanical dryers, water treatment systems) are operating at the time of verification or must have been operating within *approximately* three days preceding the verification and should be confirmed through observation and interviews.

#### **3.0 Application level:**

For the application to be considered 'in harvest', all farms\* in the application must indicate that they were verified 'in harvest' on the coversheet.

**\*For applications with smallholders, at least 75% of the small holder sampled farms must indicate 'yes' on the farm coversheet.**

Please remember, applicants need to submit their applications to Starbucks Coffee Agronomy Company prior to scheduling verification. Verification can only start once a C.A.F.E. Practices application is complete and the application ID number (representing your supply chain, as well as the

corresponding farms, producer support organization and mills) has been communicated back to the applicant.

Should you require additional information or have questions regarding this communication, please email us at: [CAFEPrac@starbucks.com](mailto:CAFEPrac@starbucks.com)

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