

Resolution GA22-2d

Proposed Resolution to be adopted at
the 22nd General Assembly (GA22) of RSPO Members

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TITLE: RESOLUTION TO POSTPONE THE MANDATORY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF RSPO
PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA 2024

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Background:

1. RSPO's mission is to ensure that sustainable palm oil production and use become the global norm, promoting equitable inclusion of all members.
2. In December 2024, RSPO launched the Principles & Criteria 2024, scheduled to enter into force in November 2025, reaffirming its commitment to continuous improvement.
3. During the official launch in Bogotá, it was announced that everything would be prepared and provided to guarantee full understanding and implementation of the new P&C Standard.
4. However, up to date significant tools and documents are missing or not ready for P&C 2024 implementation.
5. Some of these documents are as follows:
 - a. Certification System for P&C and independent smallholders 2024.
 - b. Rules for Certification Bodies, Accreditation Bodies and audits.
 - c. Living Wage procedure Updated to P&C 2024.
 - d. Learning Module System updated to P&C 2024
6. In addition, RSPO has not yet officially released the necessary materials for the development of the training and update program for lead auditors, leading to a shortage of accredited professionals and creating challenges in ensuring the proper implementation and compliance of audit processes under the new standard.

Proposed Resolution:

It is hereby resolved to:

1. Extend the mandatory effective date of the RSPO P&C 2024 Standard by six months, until May 31, 2026, with a review of progress in the fifth month and the possibility of an additional six-month extension if significant delays persist.
2. Maintain RSPO P&C 2018 as the valid and enforceable standard during this transition period, ensuring continued application of sustainable practices under a recognized framework.

Establish the following prerequisites for the mandatory application of P&C 2024:

- Official training for auditors and members on the new requirements.
3. Mandate the Standards Standing Committee and the RSPO Secretariat to oversee implementation of this resolution and provide periodic progress updates to the membership.

Potential Benefits:

1. Ensure equity: No member should face disadvantages due to language barriers or lack of implementation tools.
2. Strengthen RSPO credibility and unity: Ensure that all regions advance under clear, consistent, and equally applicable rules.
3. Safeguard market confidence: Implementation with official translations and National Interpretations reduces inconsistencies and reinforces trust in the RSPO seal.
4. Preserve certification continuity: Maintaining audits under P&C 2018 during the transition safeguards volumes of certified sustainable oil.
5. Enhance local legitimacy: National Interpretation processes allow P&C 2024 to be applied in a manner consistent with local production and social realities.

Potential Risks & Mitigation:

1. **Risk:** Perception of delay in sustainability commitments.
Mitigation: Maintain audits under P&C 2018 with strengthened controls during the transition.
2. **Risk:** Potential questioning from external stakeholders regarding the extension.
Mitigation: Ground the measure in RSPO's core principles of equity, inclusion, transparency, and credibility.

Proposed Standing Committee/Working Group/Task Force in overseeing the Resolution:

It is proposed that the Standards Standing Committee (SSC), in coordination with the RSPO Secretariat, oversee the implementation of this resolution and publish progress reports every six months.

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