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List of Permitted Mass Balance Products

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This List of Permitted Mass Balance Products will be updated periodically implementing the respective decisions of the Rainforest Alliance and Sustainable Agriculture Network.

The Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) is a coalition of independent non-profit conservation organizations that promote the social and environmental sustainability of agricultural activities by developing standards. Standard and policy development and review is coordinated by the SAN secretariat based in San José, Costa Rica. Accredited Certification Bodies certify farms, group administrators, cattle production systems or Participating Operators that comply with SAN's standards and policies. Certified farms, group administrators or Participating Operators can apply for use of the Rainforest Alliance Certified™ seal for products grown on certified farms.

The Rainforest Alliance works with companies to comply with the CoC requirements in order to protect the credibility of the Rainforest Alliance Certified seal; assuring farmers, businesses and consumers that the seal only appears on products from certified farms. The Rainforest Alliance also manages ongoing compliance by monitoring the traceability of products from farms to final products, a requirement to use the Rainforest Alliance Certified seal.



The SAN and Rainforest Alliance define the standard and policy for Chain of Custody audits and certification of Participating Operators and develop and maintain the accreditation system for Certification Bodies that provide Chain of Custody certification. The Certification Body certifies that Participating Operators comply with the Chain of Custody Standard and Policy, and conducts Chain of Custody audits with accredited Chain of Custody auditors. A Chain of Custody Committee supports the standard and policy development and facilitates ongoing stakeholder outreach in order to improve the Chain of Custody program.

The SAN *Sustainable Agriculture Standard* and the Rainforest Alliance permit the following Chain of Custody certification systems (see SAN/RA Chain of Custody Policy section 1.h):

The following Chain of Custody certification systems are permitted by the SAN and Rainforest Alliance:

- i. Identity Preserved – allowed for all products
- ii. Segregation – allowed for all products
- iii. Mass balance – requires formal written authorization of the Rainforest Alliance.

The permitted products for the Mass Balance Chain of Custody certification systems not needing Rainforest Alliance authorization are:

- Oil Palm (*Elaeis guineensis*)
- Sugar Cane (*Saccharum officinarum*)

The Rainforest Alliance Certified Sustainable Agriculture Use of Seal Guidelines always apply.