List of Verification Audit Schemes recognised by SAI Platform in the VB Approval Process

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This document is a list of the schemes recognised by SAI Platform to demonstrate relevant audit experience for a Verification Body, In-House Trainer and/or Auditor, as part of the VB Approval Process. It should be read alongside the latest version of the SAI FSA Verification Body Approval Process.

Only schemes on this list will be accepted as demonstrating relevant experience.

If you would like a different scheme to be taken into account, or to be added to this list, please contact SAI Platform.

Criteria for schemes to be accepted to demonstrate relevant experience

In order to be approved the scheme must:

1. have been benchmarked at least FSA Silver (not including legal benchmark), and therefore demonstrate experience in auditing the full range of aspects that the FSA covers
2. have a verification scheme recognised by the FSA benchmarking process
3. have VB and auditor requirements that reflect FSA requirements, in particular for independence and professional standards
4. be used widely enough for auditors to gain a reasonable level of audit experience within 3 years
5. ideally, be ISEAL Assurance Code benchmarked

The current list of accepted schemes is:

- Fairtrade International
- SAN Standard 2017 (Rainforest Alliance) (and earlier versions of this standard)
- UTZ Core Code of Conduct (group certification)
- Bonsucro Production Standard
- GCP Common Code for the Coffee Community (4C)
- RSPO Principles & Criteria for Sustainable Palm Oil Production
- GLOBALG.A.P. IFA + GRASP
- ISCC Plus (we will not accept experience only in ISCC EU and/or ISCC DE)
- Fair for Life