

Annex 1 Status Jan 2024

Acknowledged Social Standard Schemes:

The most up to date list of acknowledged social standards is to be found on [METRO AG website](#). Currently the status is as follows:

As amfori BSCI, Sedex and Consumer Goods Forum – Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) member, METRO prefers the amfori BSCI, Sedex SMETA and SSCI approved schemes, but also accepts the schemes listed below on condition that

1. the audit report / certificate is valid (not expired) and
2. the audit is passed as per the details listed below e.g. issued report with respective result and closed Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

Some of the listed standards are considered as acceptable as a steppingstone (marked with*) for an interim period of time in order to facilitate the on-boarding of suppliers and producers into METROs social compliance process but may be removed from this list according to the maturity of the on-boarding process.

Non-Food / Food / Near-Food	Audit Type	Scope and Requirements for the audit. "Passed" when audit result shows the following:	Report Validity ¹
All	amfori BSCI (amfori Business Social Compliance Initiative)	A + B	2 years
		C	1 year or until end of audit cycle
		D (only accepted for Food / Near-Food)	1 year or until end of audit cycle
		E (only accepted in exceptional cases ² for Food / Near-Food)	1 year or until end of audit cycle
All	SPA – Small Producer / Holder Assessment (by amfori BSCI)	A + B	2 years
		C	1 year or until end of audit cycle
		D (only accepted for Food / Near-Food)	1 year or until end of audit cycle
		E (only accepted in exceptional cases ² for Food / Near-Food)	1 year or until end of audit cycle

¹ Report validity according to standard scheme. In case of changes the official timelines are valid.

² Exceptional cases means that audit is critical but still acceptable because findings do NOT accumulate to a level of severity e.g. comparable to a "Deal Breaker" finding.

All	EcoVadis	All medal levels	1 year resp. according to date of receiving medal
All	ETI / SMETA (Sedex) – Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (4-Pillar Audit conducted by accredited third party auditor)	Non-Critical	2 years
		Critical	1 year
All	FLA – Fair Labour Association	Issued report and closed CAP Accepted standard for manufacturing sector	1 year
All	FSSC 24000	Issued Certificate (compliant)	3 years
All	ICS – Initiative Clause Sociale	Issued Report (A or B and no failing in critical areas)	3 years
All	ISCC PLUS	Issued Certificate	1 year
All	SA8000 – Social Accountability International	Issued Certificate	3 years
Non-Food	GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)	Issued Certificate (compliant)	1 year
Non-Food	Grüner Knopf	Issued Certificate	3 years
Non-Food	GRS (Global Recycle Standard)	Issued Certificate (compliant)	1 year
Non-Food	ICTI (Ethical Toy Program (IETP))	Issued Certificate (compliant)	1 year
Non-Food	ILO Better Work*	Issued Assessment Report	1 year
Non-Food	Oeko-Tex (Made in Green) STeP	Issued Report (Level 1 accepted if it is 1 st audit (entry level) for producer, otherwise, only Level 2 and 3 accepted)	2 years
Non-Food	WRAP (Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production)	Issued Certificate - Gold	1 year
		Issued Certificate - Platinum	2 years
Food	ASC (Aquaculture Stewardship Council)	Issued Certificate and closed CAP	3 years
Food	BAP (Best Aquaculture Practices)	Issued Certificate and closed CAP	1 year (except salmon: 2 years)

Food	FFL (Fair for Life)	Issued Certificate 5, 4 and 3 "leaves" results	3 years (full assessment), annual follow up assessment;
Food	Fair Trade	Issued Certificate (pass)	3 years
Food	Global G.A.P GRASP*	Issued Certificate (compliant / Improvements needed / Non-compliant but measures taken)	1 year
Food	MPS-Socially Qualified (social add on to MPS-ABC)	Accepted standard for horticulture products Issued Certificate (A+, A, B, C)	3 years
Food	Naturland Fair*	Issued Certificate (compliant)	1 year
Food	RFVS (Responsible Fishing Vessel Standard)	Issued Certificate	3 years
Food	RSPO (Roundtable for sustainable palm oil)	Issued Certificate (compliant) according to Mass Balance / Segregation / Identity Preserved	5 years
Food	RTRS (Roundtable for responsible soy)	Issued Certificate (compliant) according to Mass Balance / Segregation / Identity Preserved	5 years
Food	Rainforest Alliance	Issued Certificate (compliant)	1 year
Food	SIZA	Issued certificate (all results accepted)	Platinum: 3 years Gold: 2 years Silver + Bronze: 1 year
Food	WIETA	Issued Certificate (A-D accepted)	A+B: 3 years C: 2 years D: 1 year
Food	Any CGF SSCI benchmark scheme	Depending on scheme	Depending on scheme