

## **Fairtrade Labelling Organizations (FLO)**

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FLO is the organisation that sets worldwide standards for fair trade and carries out certification. FLO fair trade standards exist for coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, honey, ba-nana, fresh fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, fruit juice, rice, wine, nuts and oilseed, cut flowers, ornamental plants, cotton and footballs. FLO is working with 389 certified producer organisations, representing almost 500 first level producer structures, and over 800'000 families of farmers and workers, from over 48 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America (status in May 2004)

The Fairtrade Labelling Organizations' Generic Standards for small farmers prohibit the use of pesticides that are either in WHO class Ia and Ib, on the "Dirty Dozen" list of Pesticide Action Network and pesticides under the Prior Informed Consent Procedure of the UN (taking notice of updates). Similar criteria apply within the Contract Production Standards. In the more specific fair trade standards for bananas the use of herbicides is generally not allowed. Paraquat is prohibited in the production of all goods with a fair trade label as it is among the "Dirty Dozen" listed by the Pesticide Action Network.

[The fair trade standards for agriculture are available at:](#)