

## **UTZ Certified**

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According to their website UTZ CERTIFIED is a leading coffee certification programs worldwide, and is now expanding to become a multi-commodity program including cocoa, tea and palm oil.

Their vision is to achieve sustainable agricultural supply chains, that meet the growing needs and expectations of farmers, the food industry and consumers alike. With its code of conduct, the program gives independent assurance of controlled production and sourcing and offers online real-time traceability of agricultural products back to their origin.

In 2008 approximately 77.000 coffee farmers in 19 countries were UTZ certified. The code of conduct for coffee, tea and cocoa production prohibits the use of pesticides, which are banned in the European Union and/or the USA and the pesticides listed as PAN Dirty Dozen.

Currently, the list of pesticides prohibited on UTZ certified farms comprises 109 pesticide active ingredients, including Paraquat.