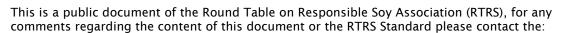
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Preamble

The RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production, developed in 2010 after a multi-stakeholder process, was created to guide soybean producers towards a responsible production.

RTRS' certified producers are required to implement good agricultural practices that include zero tillage, balanced fertilization and crop rotation, amongst other. At the same time, as corn is the typical crop used to rotate with soy in most countries where RTRS is present, the RTRS Standard for Responsible Corn Production is considered to be a good complement to the existent Soy Production Standard.

The RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production includes applicable requirements for soy related issues -mainly farming issues-, but also covers social, environmental and economic issues that are potentially applicable to the production of other crops.

In 2015 RTRS developed a first approach towards the RTRS Standard for Responsible Corn Production and, in 2019, the RTRS Executive Board decided to continue with the process in order to launch this new certification scheme in 2020.

The RTRS Standard for Responsible Corn Production is intended to be applicable for all RTRS certified soybean producers that are willing to include their corn production in their certified farms under this new scope.

The "RTRS Standard for Responsible Corn Production" is supplementary to the RTRS soy certification, meaning that cannot be certified independently of the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production.

Principle 1 Legal Compliance and Good Business Practices

		Guidance
1.1.	Principles, Criteria and Indicators in the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production are fulfilled at main audit and applicable to corn production.	
1.2.	Corn production should comply with all laws in common with soy production, and in case of existence of specific regulations applicable to corn production will also have to demonstrate compliance with applicable laws	Guidance 1.2 Example of a regulation applicable for corn production includes but it is not limited to "non planting unauthorized biotechnological events"

Principle 2 Responsible Labour Conditions

		Guidance
2.1.	Principle, Criteria and Indicators in the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production are fulfilled at main audit and applicable to corn production.	
2.2.	Permanent (direct and indirect) and seasonal workers that only perform activities at the corn production shall be included in the audit, specially training records and documentation if the audit does not take place during the peak season. Pre-harvesting intervals	Guidance 2.2 Examples of this include but it is not limited to irrigation, equipment management; corn seeds production; among others. Guidance 2.3
	should be respected, as well as all re-entry periods, to guarantee, not only the safety of products but also the safety of personnel in the field. Measures are taken to prevent people from entering into plots that have been sprayed with agrochemicals	Pre-harvesting interval is the wait time between a pesticide application and when a crop can be harvested. Re-entry period is the minimum amount of time that must pass between the time a pesticide was applied to an area or crop and the time that people can go into that area without protective clothing and equipment. A communication mechanism shall be established to report plots sprayed with agrochemicals, date of application as well as preharvesting interval and re-entry period. In the case of seed production, signposts should have to be placed indicating: product applied, date of application, reentry period and PPE to be used in case of entry.

Principle 3 Responsible Community Relations

		Guidance
3.1.	Principle, Criteria and Indicators in the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production are fulfilled at main audit and applicable to corn production.	

Principle 4 Environmental Responsibility

		Guidance
4.1.	Principle, Criteria and Indicators in the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production are fulfilled at main audit and applicable to corn production.	
4.2.	Record keeping of the total direct use of fossil fuels in time and volume per hectare and product unit for all activities related to corn production.	

Principle 5 Good Agricultural Practices

		Guidance
5.1.	Principle, Criteria and Indicators in the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production are fulfilled at main audit and applicable to corn production.	
5.2.	In the case of irrigation being used for the corn production, the producer shall document the calculation of water needs, as well as the water quality.	Guidance 5.2 Registry of date and volume per irrigation unit shall be kept. Licenses shall be checked, and irrigation volumes should not exceed the allowed amounts. Licenses should include the limits (max-min) of water that can be used. This may vary between countries and state/province.
5.3.	When BT corn is sown, producers must follow the breeder's recommendation for the percentage of the lot surface that shall be left as refuges (non-BT blocks to avoid resistance pressure).	Guidance 5.3 The percentage may vary according to the legislation of the different countries and the suggestions of the breeders. If the percentage of refuge seeds is included in the seed bag and it is in accordance to the correspondent legislation, it may be used.
5.4.	Harvest machinery shall be cleaned prior to transportation (prior to entry and downstream) to help weed and pest control.	Guidance 5.4 Cleaning shall occur between farms of different producers.
5.5.	In countries where Paraquat can be used legally in agricultural production, producers are required to implement a program of progressive reduction of Paraquat over time.	



ROUND TABLE ON RESPONSIBLE SOY ASSOCIATION (RTRS)

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	The	implemented	
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	Integrated	Crop	
	Management	Plan	
	shall	specify	
	reduction ta	rgets for	
	Paraquat and	its phase	
	out, which	shall be	
	implemented a	is soon as	
	possible	and not	
	later than	2020. The	
	use of P	araquat is	
	prohibited fr	om January	
	2021.		
5.6.	Evidence of ad	loption fire	Guidance 5.6
	prevention a	nd control	Consider and prioritize the best
	measures, g	good corn	periods and training for good fire prevention practices.
	harvesting pr	actices to	Development of firebreaks in the



reduce the risk of fire.

property. Fire extinguishers in machinery, cleaning of machines. This indicator is subject to risk analysis adapted to the region.