

SAAR AGRO

From | Associação Control Union Certificates
 Subject | Invitation to stakeholders consultation of SAAR AGRO
 Date | Navi Mumvbai, 27/11/2020

Dear Ms. / Mr.

Associação Control Union Certificates (ACUC) is announcing an assessment on SAAR AGRO against the standards mentioned below. The standard(s) used can be obtained by accessing the following link: www.responsiblesoy.org.

Details of Applicant	
Company seeking certification:	SAAR AGRO
Group (if applicable):	SAAR AGRO
Company's contact person:	Mr. Rahul Dhoshi
Position:	Owner
Business Address:	101, WESTERN BUSINESS CENTER, PALASIA, INDORE, M.P, INDIA
P.O.:	452002
Country:	India
Phone number:	9823132166
Details of Certification:	
Internal Control System:	Group
Type of application:	Initial
Standards to be used during the assessment	RTRS Responsible Soy Production Standard. Version 3.1 – 01/06/2017 Including Annex I - General Chain of Custody System Requirements for Producers RTRS Group & Multi-Site Certification Standard Version 3.1– 31/05/2018 RTRS Non-GMO Module Requirements for Producers Version 1.0 – 26/04/2018 ENs
Units (Localization)	SAAR AGRO, 101, WESTERN BUSINESS CENTER, PALASIA, INDORE, M.P, INDIA – GROUP – 3653 FARMS

According to the Operational and Assessment Requirements for Certification against RTRS Production Standard:

- The auditors shall interview a sufficient variety and number of people affected by or involved in the farm operation to make direct factual observations as to conformity with:
 - The organization's documented systems and procedures;
 - All the indicators of the applicable RTRS standard.

A tentative agenda of the evaluation process is presented below:

Activity	Dates
Stakeholder consultation	02/12/2020 – 16/12/2020
Opening meeting	17/12/2020
Evaluation of documented/company system	20/12/2020
Field inspection	17/12/2020 to 19/12/2020
Closing Meeting	20/12/2020
Report writing and review	24/12/2020

Audit Team		
Role	Name	Qualifications (including field of expertise)
Lead Auditor	Niketan Patil	Bachelor of Business Management in Agriculture, M.B.A in Marketing, 5 year Job experience out of this 4 year experience of Sustainable and Organic certification auditing like RCI, PepsiCo-SFI, Sustainable Castor Initiative, NPOP,NOP),FSA, Palm Oil, SRP etc.
Auditor	Sudeep Nair	M. Sc Informatics 10 years experience of certification auditing like Organic farming (NPOP, NOP, EU), UTZ & Bonsucro

The stakeholder consultation is one of the most important parts in the process of the certification process. National, regional, and local stakeholders and users of the surrounding soy plantation are asked for their experiences and/or opinions. You, as a stakeholder, can make a positive contribution to the certification decision. Therefore we ask you to send your comments on any of the following topics related to the conformity of applicant with (but not only limited to):

- Legal requirements;
- Social issues (including interaction with local communities, labor relations, health and safety, etc.);
- Environmental issues (including environmental protection and pollution);
- Good agricultural practices;
- Issues related to other production units owned by the same organization not included in the assessment
- Any other aspect relevant to the assessment.

We strongly encourage you to participate and to submit any comment or complaint regarding this company. Please reply by mail, fax, e-mail, or any other communication channel to the Program Certifier (contact details below) and to RTRS Technical Unit (Tel: +54 11 45198010, technical.unit@responsiblesoy.org). If necessary, you can also contact the Managing Director of Associação Control Union Certificates in São Paulo, Brazil (certificationbr@controlunion.com.br, Tel: +55 (11) 3035 1600).

Your comment/complaint must include the following information:

- i. name of project,
- ii. your relationship with the project,
- iii. comment/complaint and its relevance,
- iv. Evidence material (as attachments).

Internally, your comments will be duly evaluated by the audit team. Only if the comment/complaint is considered relevant by the audit team and/or by the RTRS technical unit personnel, such comment/complaint will be communicated with the applicant. The author of such comment/complaint will be notified about the evaluation outcome within 3 months after the date when the certification decision is taken.

After the closing meeting, a report of the certification assessment will be of public domain on the Control Union Certifications and RTRS websites, including a summary of the public consultation process.

In case the outcome is not of your satisfaction, we invite you to follow the dispute resolution procedure of Associação Control Union Certificates. You can directly get the Dispute Resolution Protocol on our website (Article 15 and Annex B of ACUC Inspection Regulation/Annex 16 PM). Our staff can provide you any advice on it and/or can send you the appropriate documents on your request. You can also contact the RTRS technical unit directly.

Any further information about responsible soy certification is available upon request.

We appreciate your effort and input in advance.

Sincerely,



Eugênio Svolinski Junior
Certifier