

**Addressed to GEAR S A A I C F E I**

From | Associação Control Union Certificates  
 Subject | Invitation to stakeholders consultation of GEAR S A A I C F E I  
 Date | Buenos Aires, 08/09/2021

Dear Mr.

Associação Control Union Certificates (ACUC) is announcing an assessment on GEAR S A A I C F E I against the standards mentioned below. The standard(s) used can be obtained by accessing the following link: [www.responsiblesoy.org](http://www.responsiblesoy.org).

Details of Applicant	
Company seeking certification:	GEAR S A A I C F E I
Group (if applicable):	-
Company's contact person:	CP. Gualberto Di Camillo
Position:	Gerente General
Business Address:	Ruta Provincial 31 Km 172,5, Rojas, Pcia. de Bs. As.
P.O.:	2705
Country:	Argentina
Phone number:	02475 433840 – 341 6213530
Details of Certification:	
Internal Control System:	Multi-site
Type of application:	Initial
Standards to be used during the assessment	- Estándar RTRS No-GMO para productores Versión 1.0 – 26/04/2018 - RTRS Responsible Soy Production Standard. National Interpretation for Argentina Version 3.1 – 02/05/2017 Including Annex I - General Chain of Custody System Requirements for Producers - RTRS Group & Multi-Site Certification Standard Version 3.1– 31/05/2018
Units (Localization)	- HUNTER (GEAR S.A.A.I.C.F.E I.) -1 - ZONA RURAL LA CALDERA - Cuartel 09 – 2705– ROJAS – BUENOS AIRES - ARG - ILLIA (GEAR S.A.A.I.C.F.E I.) -1 - ZONA RURAL ROJAS - Cuartel 03 – 2705 – ROJAS – BUENOS AIRES - ARG - PAS-ROTONDA (GEAR S.A.A.I.C.F.E I.) -1 - ZONA RURAL ROJAS - Ruta Prov. 31 y Ruta Nac. 188 – ROJAS – BUENOS AIRES - ARG

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	08/09/21-22/09/21
Opening meeting	23/09/21
Evaluation of documented/company system	23/09/21-25/09/21
Field inspection	23/09/21-24/09/21
Closing Meeting	25/09/21
Report writing and review	30/09/21

Audit Team		
Role	Name	Qualifications (including field of expertise)
Lead Auditor	Macos Quaine	Agronomic Engineer, Lead Auditor ISO 14001:2015, Lead Auditor RTRS 3.1, Unilever Auditor, Certified Responsible Soy Auditor, SFS Auditor, SFI Auditor

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

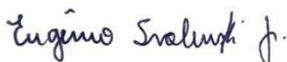
After the closing meeting, a report of the certification assessment will be of public domain on the Control Union Certifications and RTRS websites, including a summary of the public consultation process.

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