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PRESS INFORMATION

End of the Fairtrade pilot for certification in conflict-affected regions

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Bonn, 13 June, 2022. Fairtrade International has decided to end the pilot for certification for conflict-affected regions, specific to the Democratic Republic of Congo (read the announcement [here](#)).

Going forward, FLOCERT, as Fairtrade's certification body, will therefore apply the regular Fairtrade certification process for producer organisations and traders from the Democratic Republic of Congo who want to take part in Fairtrade.

The customers who were certified under the pilot will be transitioned accordingly. This means that they will be asked to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the full Fairtrade Standards for producer organisations or traders from their next Fairtrade audit onwards. Affected customers have been informed and can see the checklist with all criteria relevant for their next audit in the Ecert certification portal.

FLOCERT is a leading global assurance provider. Besides providing sole certification to Fairtrade, FLOCERT also offers an array of services to support companies in sourcing on fair principles, where no Fairtrade Standard applies. Founded in 2003, FLOCERT remains mission-driven and dedicated to working with all types of organisations, from small producers to internationally recognised brands, in order to promote fairness in global trade. Our accreditation as a "Social Enterprise" demonstrates our commitment to social business values. With six international offices conducting business in over 120 countries, FLOCERT specialises in offering global reach with local expertise to its almost 6,000 customers. For more information, visit us at www.flocert.net

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