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## 1 Introduction

In 2015, the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) performed a benchmark of different sustainability certification schemes against the SAI Platform Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) 2.0. The benchmark consists of different performance levels: Not yet Bronze, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Three different groups of benchmark criteria exist: 'Essential' criteria, 'Basic' criteria and 'Advanced' criteria. The following table shows what share of fulfilment is needed in order to reach a certain performance level.

Table 1: Performance level and threshold of the SAI FSA Benchmark

Performance Levels	Threshold (see also SAI FSA Guidance on <a href="http://www.saiplatform.org">www.saiplatform.org</a> )
Bronze	Compliance to 100% 'Essential' questions and a minimum of 75% 'Basic' questions.
Silver	Compliance to 100% 'Essential' questions, 80% 'Basic' questions and less than 50% 'Advanced' questions.
Gold	Compliance to 100% 'Essential' questions, 100% 'Basic' questions and a minimum of 75% 'Advanced' questions.
Not yet Bronze	Indicates that the level of performance does not meet the bronze threshold yet.

The ISCC certification system (ISCC System Document 202 "Sustainability Requirements") was positively benchmarked by the SAI against the FSA 2.0. According to the performed benchmark the current set of ISCC principles according to ISCC System Document 202 (version 2.6 and following in ISCC EU and version 3 and following in ISCC PLUS) reach a minimum score of 100% 'Essential' criteria, 90% 'Basic' criteria and 60% 'Advanced' criteria. Thus, ISCC currently reaches the SAI Silver level on a global scale.

ISCC has been asked to reach the SAI Gold compliance. As ISCC currently sees no necessity to include the remaining criteria into our core sustainability standard 202, but wants to provide ISCC system users a pragmatic and implementable solution to reach the Gold level, we have developed this Add-on.

The SAI Gold Add-on helps ISCC system users to identify the remaining criteria which fulfilment would be necessary to reach the FSA 2.0 Gold level.

## 2 Scope and Normative References

The scope of this document is the specification of criteria, which are needed to reach the Add-on SAI Gold and thus, become "equivalent to the FSA 2.0 Gold". This Add-on is applicable for farms and plantations.

As a basic principle, all relevant ISCC documents are valid for the scope.

### **3 SAI Gold Criteria**

In order to reach equivalence to the Gold level of the FSA 2.0, compliance to 100% 'Essential' questions, 100% 'Basic' questions and a minimum of 75% 'Advanced' questions must be shown. Under the current ISCC system, the following option to reach equivalence to the FSA 2.0 Gold level exist:

#### **Fulfilment of ISCC Minor Musts**

If all Minor Musts, that have been subject to the FSA 2.0 Benchmark, are fulfilled, a total of 100% 'Essential' criteria, 100% 'Basic' criteria and at least 79% 'Advanced' criteria would be reached. Thus, in order to reach the FSA 2.0 GOLD, it must be verified that certain Minor Musts of ISCC are fulfilled.

Where it can be shown, that one of the Minor Must criterion is already covered in other control systems (e.g. by cross compliance) no further evidence for compliance is needed.

### **4 Verification**

In case the Add-on "SAI Gold" has been chosen, it must be subject to an audit. Conformity with the ISCC Minor Musts 2.3.1, 2.5.3, 2.7.1 – 2.7.4, 2.8.10, 2.9.7, 2.10.2, 2.10.4, 3.1.1, 3.1.4, 3.1.6, 3.2.2, 4.1, 4.5, 4.9, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.16, 4.18, 4.19, 4.20, 6.1.2, and 6.1.3 must be verified in order to reach the FSA 2.0 GOLD level.

If the farm or plantation is a member of a group the respective Add-on on the self-declaration for Add-ons shall be chosen. The self-declaration must be signed and provided to the First Gathering Point/ Central Office. If the farm or plantation is certified on its own, it shall register with ISCC for the Add-on "SAI Gold".

During an ISCC audit or sample (in case of a group certification), the farm or plantation shall be able to show compliance with the Add-on. The auditor needs to verify the compliance with the respective Minor Musts of the ISCC PLUS standard.

As soon as the farm or plantation respectively the First Gathering Point/ Central Office have been certified, they can sell their products with the claim "SAI Gold compliant".

### **5 Chain of Custody & Traceability**

At least a separate bookkeeping is required for material that shall be sold under the claim "SAI Gold compliant" (in case a mass balance approach has been chosen). In case the physical segregation has been chosen, the material must also be physically separated.

All ISCC requirements with respect to traceability and chain of custody apply.