

# Table of Changes: SRP Standard Version 2.2 to 3.0

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The Table of Changes below outlines the key updates made to the SRP Standard as a result of extensive work by the SRP Working Groups, as well as feedback from social experts, SRP practitioners, and comments received during the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Consultation. These revisions ensure that the SRP Standard remains robust, efficient, and practical for all types of producers, including smallholders and large-scale farmers.

Changes are categorized as either an **Addition** or an **Amendment**. The table focuses on **substantive changes** that significantly affect the content, scope, or implementation of requirements.

Please note: Minor editorial changes—such as language refinements to improve clarity, alignment, or user-friendliness, as well as the reordering of requirements due to new additions—are not included in this table.

Your attention to this table demonstrates our shared commitment to excellence. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at [assurance@sustainableice.org](mailto:assurance@sustainableice.org).

## Section 1: General Overview

Category	Summary	Impact
Structure	Increased from 41 to 44 requirements; includes new impact column.	Improved clarity and tracking of sustainability metrics.
New Requirements	Req. 4 (Climate Change Innovation), 29 (Mechanization), 41 (Working Condition).	Incentivizes innovation and addresses labor rights comprehensively.
Renumbered	Some requirement has been renamed and renumbering.	Eases understanding; reflects practical implementation.
Scoring	Total score increased from <b>132 to 140</b> due to added requirements. Requirements 4 and 29 score up to 2 points; Requirement 41 up to 3 points. Requirement 27 score raised from 2 to 3.	Reflects broader scope and ensures balanced scoring across all themes.
Claims Threshold	<b>"Working toward" claim</b> threshold raised from <b>33 to 50 points</b> ; mandatory requirements increased from 8 to 15.	Encourages more rigorous improvement with clearer indicators and expanded focus on health, biodiversity, and child welfare.
Claims Definition	Definition of <i>"Sustainably Cultivated Rice"</i> strengthened with a focus on third-party verification and alignment with environmental, social, and economic pillars.	Improves credibility and integrity of sustainability claims in global markets.

Recognition of Sustainability Progress	Introduction of the " <b>Aspiring Producer</b> " category with a two-year <b>Progress Recognition Statement</b> and formalized improvement path.	Supports and rewards incremental progress even before full compliance.
Terminology	Footnote corrections, clearer language.	Reduces ambiguity.
Mandatory Foundation Requirements	Introduction of 3 foundational preconditions (e.g., Risk Assessment, Grievance Mechanism, Remediation).	Enhance accountability and baseline sustainability safeguards.
Producer Types and Compliance Levels	<b>Smallholders</b> ( $\leq 10$ ha) and <b>Large Farms</b> ( $> 10$ ha) are now formally defined. Different expectations and compliance pathways introduced to reflect operational realities.	Ensuring the Standard is inclusive yet practical, allowing implementation and fair benchmarking for different producer types.

## Section 2: Requirements Overview

Requirement	Section	Change Type	Description of Change	Rationale / Notes
1. Cropping Calendar	Requirement	Addition	Introduced crop diversification/ rotation planning (criteria 5) to calendar requirements.	Promotes long-term sustainability, soil fertility, and pest resilience, especially for upland systems.
2. Recording and Preserving Information	Requirement	Addition	Introduced gender-disaggregated data and expanded sustainability-related tracking (e.g., training records, safe pesticide handling).	Supports social inclusion, gender equity, and enhanced health/safety monitoring.
2. Recording and Preserving Information	Compliance Levels	Addition	Introduced separate scoring thresholds for Smallholders and Large Farms.	Reflects different capacities and responsibilities; ensures large farms meet higher compliance expectations.
3. Training	Requirement	Amendment	Expanded from general farmer training to a structured training plan linked to risk assessment and mitigation plans.	Strengthens training relevance and alignment with risk-based management approaches.
3. Training	Requirement	Addition	Introduced mandatory topics such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM), nutrient management, soil health, and Farming as a Business.	Ensures technical and financial sustainability are embedded in farmer capacity building.
3. Training	Requirement	Addition	Training plan must be gender-inclusive, adapted to literacy levels, and	Promotes equity and ensures safety and

			inclusive of all workers (family, seasonal).	knowledge access for all farm laborers.
3. Training	Requirement	Amendment	Training must be delivered by SRP Authorized Trainers or farmer trainers trained by them. Specific topics must be taught by domain experts.	Ensures practicality, quality, and consistency, in training delivery.
3. Training	Requirement	Addition	Minimum training frequency of once every 3 years introduced.	Ensures farmers stay up to date with evolving practices and SRP requirements.
4. Innovative climate change mitigation technology/ solution	Entire requirement	Addition	The whole requirement was added to promote climate change innovation	
5. Food Safety: Heavy Metals	Compliance Levels	Amendment	Compliance levels consistent; the threshold compliance level moved from Level c (v2.2) to Level d (v3.0).	Adjust the minimum acceptable compliance level to make it more practical.
6. Soil Salinity	Compliance Levels	Amendment	Level b now requires observable improvements in crop health and yield; farmer documentation is encouraged.	Shifts from indirect yield-gap reference to farmer-observed outcomes, promoting practical field-based evidence.
7. Land Conversion & Biodiversity	Requirement Compliance Levels Points	Addition & Amendment	Large farms now have separate, additional compliance criteria (Points 4 & 5: biodiversity risk assessment and stakeholder consultation).	Introduces formal requirements specific to large farms, raising compliance expectations.
9. Leveling -Flat Land/Terraces (9.1)	Compliance Levels	Addition	Elevation survey is now required to confirm leveling up to 1/1000 slope for laser-leveled land.	Stricter documentation requirement may raise compliance
9. Leveling- Flat Land/Terraces (9.1)	Points	Amendment	Manual leveling now scores 3 instead of 2.	Make it more practical for farmers to earn point
9. Leveling Rainfed Land (9.3)	Compliance Levels Points	Addition	Introduces scoring distinction for rainfed areas with sloping terrain that require either physical or cultural conservation practices.	Introduces clearer obligations for conservation even in rainfed systems.
10. Quality Rice Seeds	Requirement	Addition	Introduces a distinct category: "Non-certified, non-self-saved heirloom varieties with quality control."	To support traditional seed varieties that are not certified but meet quality standards.

12. Irrigation System at Community Level	Requirement Compliance Levels	Addition	Added requirements to ensure women's formal representation in Water User Associations (WUA) or irrigation committees and gender-sensitive consultations.	Promotes gender equity and inclusive governance, aligning with international best practices and sustainability goals.
13. Inbound Water Quality	Requirement Compliance Levels	Addition	Added explicit criteria for annual risk-based assessment and water quality testing including biological, saline, and heavy metals.	To ensure proactive contamination management and alignment with best practices in food safety.
19. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Introduction	Amendment	Explicit integration of ICCM5 guidelines, phasing out Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs).	Aligns with international chemical safety frameworks.
19. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Introduction Requirement	Addition	Requirement to conduct risk assessment per Annex C if national HHPs are undefined.	Enhances accountability when national guidance is lacking.
22. Drying Time	Requirement	Amendment	Added moisture content range for mechanized harvesting (21%-24%) and hand harvesting (<20%) for direct selling within 3 days.	Reflects updated understanding of different harvest methods and their impact on moisture content.
27. Safety Instruction and First Aid	Requirement	Amendment & Addition	Expanded the requirement from a basic safety instruction and first aid kit availability to a comprehensive training program addressing pesticide risk reduction, first aid, and health hazards. Differentiates requirements for smallholders and large farms.	Reflects a more holistic approach to worker health and safety, acknowledging pesticide risks and tailoring expectations by farm scale for practical implementation.
27. Safety Instruction and First Aid	Compliance Levels Points	Amendment	Added differentiated scoring for smallholders and large farms with multiple compliance criteria and gradations.	Provides a fair, scalable evaluation system based on farm size and level of compliance, encouraging continuous improvement.
28. Tools and Equipment	Requirement Compliance Levels	Amendment & Addition	Expanded from a simple focus on maintenance and calibration to include: sustainable management, regular calibration per user manual, training on safe	Reflects a more holistic, gender-sensitive approach to farm tools that promotes equitable access, safety, and

			use, and special attention to women's access and ergonomics (size, weight, ease of use).	sustainability in tool use and management.
29. Safe Use of Mechanization	Entire requirement	Addition	To ensure the safe and efficient use of mechanization technologies in rice production, covering a range of equipment from hand tractors to drones.	
30. Pesticide Applicators	Requirement  Compliance Levels	Addition	Added mandatory Risk Assessment for pesticides informing training and mitigation plans. Expanded training topics to include storage, disposal, washing, and hazardous substance handling.	To ensure pesticide safety training is based on a formal risk assessment and covers a wider range of safety practices.
30. Pesticide Applicators	Requirement  Compliance Levels	Addition	Added disclosure statement, free annual health check-ups, and incident reporting processes for large farms.	Reflects the higher capacity and responsibility of large farms to manage pesticide applicator health and safety rigorously.
30. Pesticide Applicators	Requirement	Addition	Added explicit focus on ensuring women and smallholders receive pesticide training.	To promote equity and address vulnerable groups' needs.
32. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Requirement	Amendment	Expanded PPE list to include respiratory protective equipment, chemical safety goggles/visors, and sturdy boots resistant to chemical spills.	To align with updated safety standards and ensure comprehensive protection for applicators.
32. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Requirement	Addition	Regular training on correct use and maintenance of PPE is mandatory.	Regular training on correct use and maintenance of PPE is mandatory.
32. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Compliance Levels  Points	Amendment	Full PPE use required during both mixing and spraying for spraying applications; drone/tractor applications focus on mixing.	To specify PPE requirements more clearly for different pesticide application methods.
33. Washing and Changing	Requirement	Addition	Extended requirement to include transplanter operators in addition to pesticide applicators.	Reflects mechanization and broader worker groups needing these facilities.
33. Washing and Changing	Requirement	Addition	Added prohibition of washing clothes/containers by pregnant or lactating	Protects vulnerable populations from exposure.

			women or children under 18.	
33. Washing and Changing	Requirement	Addition	Facilities must be gender-separated, safe, private, well-lit, and lockable for vulnerable groups.	Ensures privacy, security, and dignity of workers.
33. Washing and Changing	Compliance Levels Point	Amendment	Smallholder and Large Farm scoring introduced separately; scoring based on number of conditions met.	Allows differentiation by farm size and compliance thoroughness.
34. Re-entry Time	Requirement Compliance Levels Point	Amendment & Addition	Requirement now differentiates between smallholder and large farms with separate criteria and expanded guidance for each	Recognizes operational and resource differences between small and large farms, tailoring expectations accordingly.
35. Storage of agricultural hazardous substances and chemicals.	Requirement	Addition	Adds a new criterion requiring segregation of substances according to chemical compatibility.	Enhances safety by preventing chemical reactions or contamination.
36. Agricultural hazardous substance disposal	Compliance Levels Point	Addition	Adds new compliance path for large farms: in absence of service, they must contact the chemical industry for disposal alternatives and apply recommended practice.	Recognizes greater accountability expected of large-scale operations.
36. Agricultural hazardous substance disposal	Compliance Levels Point	Amendment	Splits scoring between smallholder and large farm, introducing distinct paths.	Acknowledges different resource levels and regulatory expectations for farm sizes.
36. Agricultural hazardous substance disposal	Requirement	Amendment	Burial distance changed from minimum 20m from water to minimum 50m, with conditional allowance for 20m if not in water flow line and small land area.	Strengthens environmental protection while remaining flexible for land-constrained farmers.
37. Child labor	Requirement	Addition	New rule: Children aged 15 to 18 years may work, but not in hazardous conditions.	Strengthens protection for youth workers in line with global conventions.
37. Child labor	Requirement	Amendment	Reduced limit of permissible hours for youth (under 15) from 14 hours/week to 12 hours/week.	To reflects international best practice
39. Education	Requirement	Addition	Expanded to include children of seasonally	Recognizes the educational vulnerability of migrant/seasonal

			employed parents, not just those living on the farm	workers' children and aims to prevent educational exclusion
39. Education	Requirement	Amendment	Requirement extended to specify that children must not terminate their education prematurely	Shifts the focus from just enrollment to education continuity and retention, supporting long-term child development
39. Education	Compliance Levels  Points	Amendment	Removed Level 2 (partial attendance); scoring now includes: full compliance (3), documented mitigation (1*), and non-compliance (0)	Enforces a higher threshold for compliance and removes "partial credit" for insufficient attendance
41. Working condition	Entire requirement	Addition	Previously partially covered under forced labor or general labor rights; now emphasized as a standalone issue to enhance worker well-being and productivity.	