

## Rainforest Alliance Pre-Assessment Fee Schedule

## **Rainforest Alliance Rules for Certification Bodies**

- **1.3.4** Pre-assessment is a service in which the CB personnel will analyze the level of compliance of an organization interested in being Rainforest Alliance-certified prior to any contracted certification service being provided.
- **1.3.5** Pre-assessment is optional. A CH can directly request the CB to perform such service, however the CB is not obliged to fulfil the request. In the case that the CB does offer such services, the CB and its staff shall not communicate in any way that by using such a service will make certification easier or cheaper.
- **1.3.6** The CB shall develop and effectively implement a documented procedure for managing preassessment service such that its services do not impose any potential or materialized conflict of interest and ensure that offering such a service does not entail any consultancy at any time that the CB and the CH have a business relationship.
- **1.3.7** The CB shall offer pre-assessment services only when it has identified and mitigated all potential conflicts of interest resulted from such activities.
- **1.3.8** The CB shall maintain relevant records of each request for a pre-assessment and the results of each step during this process including but not limited to communications regarding the request, the plan(s) for the activities, the costs and personnel involved, and the content of the service provided.
- **1.3.9** The CB shall consistently and sufficiently document the results of pre-assessments including but not limited to using a template for all pre-assessments.
- **1.3.10** Pre-assessment shall be performed separately prior to the actual audit, i.e. a pre-assessment shall not replace a certification/surveillance audit.
- **1.3.11** Pre-assessment shall be performed by person(s) who shall not perform any certification activities of the same CH.
- **1.3.12** Duration of a pre-assessment shall be agreed upon between the CB and its CH, and the CB shall record this information and shall not count this time for a pre-assessment as audit time for other types of audit.
- 1.3.13 The CB shall publicly publish on its websites whether pre-assessment services are offered by that CB and if yes, the CB shall publish its procedures accompanying with a public fees structure for these services.

| Service                 | Fee         |
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| Pre-Assessment day rate | \$1 400 USD |

For pre-assessment service requests, please contact Nas Chaudhary nchaudhary@scsglobalservices.com.