



HORTICERT Self Declaration Coir

for Smallholder farms (SH), Medium to Large Farms
and Sub-Processing Units (SPU)

Unit name	
Trading name of unit	
Street	
Postcode, location, country	
Geo-coordinates of the unit, including leased land	
Unit type (SH, Medium to Large Farm, type of SPU)	
Total size of operation	
Total production quantity per year	

I hereby confirm that:

- Proof and documentation will be provided to demonstrate full compliance with all HORTICERT requirements, including geolocation data, area sizes, and production quantities.
- There has been no land use change - such as deforestation or degradation of natural landscapes - on any owned or leased land since January 1, 2015.
- No land with high biodiversity value, High Carbon Stock, or peatland has been converted to farmland since January 1, 2015.
- No agrochemicals listed under the WHO publication 'Recommended Classification of Pesticides by Hazard and Guidelines to Classification' (2019)¹ (tables 1 and 2), the Rotterdam Convention² and the Stockholm Convention³ are used, including older stock purchased in previous years.
- Cultivation practices, including the use of agrochemicals and fertilizers, as well as waste and soil management, are carried out in a way that protects workers, their families, local communities, and the environment.
- All human rights are protected, including the prohibition of child labor, forced labor, discrimination, harassment, and abuse, and the safeguarding of freedom of association and collective bargaining.
- Fair working conditions are provided for all employees in line with national and/or international laws and regulations. This includes maximum working hours, minimum wage, rest days, parental and sick leave, break times, safe working conditions, and provision of personal protective equipment.
- Land rights and land use rights are respected at all times.
- All applicable local, national, and international laws and regulations are followed.
- No bribery or any form of corruption is accepted or offered.
- Subcontractors handling certified Material (e.g., harvesters) comply with all applicable HORTICERT requirements.

In addition, I herewith confirm that all legal obligations are being met and that my operations for my entire owned and leased land, irrespective if conducted by me, my workers or subcontractors, comply with the

¹ World Health Organization. (2020). *WHO recommended classification of pesticides by hazard and guidelines to classification, 2019 edition*.

² Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention. (2025). *Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade: Text and Annexes (Revised in 2025)*.

³ Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention. (2025). *Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Text and Annexes (Revised in 2025)*.



HORTICERT requirements. I further accept that auditors from Certification Bodies or HORTICERT may verify the compliance with the HORTICERT requirements on my premises.

Evidence/findings of the above-mentioned requirements are readily available and can be provided during the Audit and upon request. In case requirements are indicated as not being met (e.g., documentation is not available or complete), it is mandatory to define corrective actions.

If the above does not apply any longer I agree to immediately inform my Group Manager which needs to inform the Certification Body.

Place, Date: _____ **Signature:** _____