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Confirmation

for sustainable organic agriculture development

Supplementary standards and sustainable development in organic agriculture (private standard)

Project: Qingshan Tea Farm (organic product: Tea)

We hereby confirm that the declared operator has submitted his activities under control and met the requirements laid down in a checklist for Fairbiotea projects including compliance with additional standards in organic agriculture and sustainable development by operator. These standards are complementary to EU-Regulation in organic agriculture (EC) No 834/2007, No 889/2008 and are in accordance with the development of a sustainable organic agriculture.



Evaluation:

- 1. Valid certification for organic agriculture according to above mentioned EU regulations and USDA NOP.
- 2. Valid certification of international quality management system.
- 3. Export guarantees are confirmed by the producer/exporter via forward contract.
- 4. Laboratory tests of chemical pesticide residues are conducted regularly by an independent accredited German laboratory, based on latest relevant methods (Multi-methods GC-MSD; GC-MS/MS, MS+LC-MS/MS) for tea. Samples are taken at TraCert inspection by an independent control body and laboratory results are reviewed by CERES on a regular basis. Therefor a representative number of laboratory results have been provided to CERES. Standards for organic products are observed.

- 5. Traceability of products from production process to consumer is consistent (according to TraCert inspection conducted by CERES).
- 6. External consultation in organic agriculture and quality management are conducted and an internal consulting system and quality management system are established.
- A research project to create a sustainable nutrient cycle with internal and external manure for compost production takes place according to Fairbiotea Cooperation Contracts. Compost research and development is implemented.
- 8. Parallel production is ceased in organic agriculture as well as in the processing factories. Only organic products are grown and processed in every production unit. Pest management is only conducted with natural products allowed for organic agriculture.
- 9. For harvest season 2009 and 2010 a bonus for the farmers who live and work in the farm has been paid by the importer to the producer and thereafter paid out to the farmers by the producer. In 2011 a new bonus system has been established according to new cooperation contracts. Finally, since the exporter refused to pay out the bonus in order to avoid social unrest, no bonus has been paid out by the importer for season 2011. The bonus for harvest season 2012, which has been paid to the producer in 2013, has been invested in compliance with the new bonus regulation. The bonus for harvest season 2013, which has been paid to the producer in 2014, has been invested in compliance with the new regulation. The bonus for harvest season 2015, has been invested in compliance with the new regulation. The bonus for harvest season 2015, which has been paid to the producer in December 2016, has been invested in compliance with the new regulation. The bonus for harvest season 2017, which has been paid to the producer in December 2016, has been invested in compliance with the new regulation. The bonus for harvest season 2016, which will be paid to the producer in December 2017, will be invested in compost management and cattle management.

Validity: 31.Oct.2018

Date of Inspection: 27 May 2017

Shanghai, 15.08.2017

Stamp and Signature

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