



BCI COUNCIL AGREEMENTS 2011

Orientation

The BCI Council By-Laws state that a summary of the decisions of the Council shall be made public. This document recapitulates all the agreements made by the BCI Council in 2011.

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Call, 25 January 2011

The following organisations were approved as BCI members:

- Stadium (Brands and Retailers / Sweden)
- Ambuja Cement Foundation (Civil Society / India)
- Action for Social Advancement (Civil Society / India)
- Bimeco Garnhandel (Supplier and Manufacturer - Other Intermediaries / Germany)
- Kasim Textile Mills (Supplier and Manufacturer - Other Intermediaries / India)
- Maral Overseas (Supplier and Manufacturer - Other Intermediaries / India)
- Olam International (Supplier and Manufacturer – Trader / Singapore)

By mutual agreement of the Council and the organisation, the membership of Sunny Trexim is terminated.

All approved the following changes to the Farm Assessment mechanisms:

1. 3rd party verification visits will be carried out during the season, before the Producer Unit Report is completed, and will inform the decision making on compliance by the BCI Regional Coordinator.
2. 2nd party credibility checks and 3rd party verification procedures will be aligned. A Producer Unit may be entirely disqualified based on a zero level of confidence reported from all visits (both 3rd party and 2nd party) during the season. Zero level of confidence will be determined by an assessment during visits against Key Parameters that relate directly to the role of the Producer Unit.
3. Global sampling size will be based on a calculation of the SQRT of the number of Producer Units. This will be the minimum # of verification visits to be carried out in 1 year. The PU / LGs will still be selected 50 % on risk and 50 % on random. Those Producer Units that were 3rd party verified previously and are performing well will be removed from the sampling pot. In addition sampling procedure for each verification visit will be more stratified (geographical location (PU), not the same LG / LFE / PU as before, LG / LFE facilitators, logistics).
4. A flat fee will be charged to all Large Farm Employers according to a graded scale based on the area (hectares) under cotton crop that has been chosen by the farmer to implement BC (regardless of whether they qualify or not). This will be collected for BCI by the IP.
5. A sampling size scale will be used to determine what % of Learning Groups should be checked by the Implementing Partner. This will take into account diminishing returns. Clearer guidance and procedures will be given to conduct these 2nd party checks.

By email, March 2011

The following organisations were approved as BCI members:

- Pratima Agro & Paper (Suppliers and Manufacturers – ginnery, India)
- Kissan Dost (Producers, Pakistan)
- Kashtar Developing Organisation (Producers, Pakistan)
- Sanko Tekstile (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey)
- Vicunha (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Switzerland)
- Patel Cotton (Suppliers and Manufacturers – ginnery, India)
- Ashima Group (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India)

Call, 14 April 2011

The Council approved the audited financial report for 2010.

The Council approved that the balance of funds from farmer support in 2010 (14,775 EUR) are reallocated to cover BCI farm level project service costs in 2011.

The Council approved that the total equity of 51,434 EUR from BCI Global / National operations should be used for further registration of the BCI trademarks beyond Switzerland.

The Council approved the financial commitment for the development of the BCI ICT platform

By email, 3 May 2011

The following organisations were approved as BCI members:

- Jackpot (Retailers & Brands, Denmark)
- HuaFu (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China)
- Cresox (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan)
- Orta Anadolu (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey)
- Umer Group (lessed Textiles, Faisal Spinning and Bhanero Textiles) (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan)
- TRC Candiani (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Italy)

Meeting, 30 May – 1 June 2011

Coming soon

By email, 20 June 2011

The following organisations were approved as BCI members:

- Shanghai ShenAn Textile (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, China)
 - Marsan (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey)
 - Nishat Textiles (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan)
 - US Denim (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Pakistan)
 - Ginatricot (Retailers & Brands, Sweden)
 - Inditex (Retailers & Brands, Spain)
 - ETF Tekstil (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, Turkey)
 - NSL Cotton Corporation (Suppliers and Manufacturers - other intermediaries, India)
 - Artistic Milliners (Supplier and Manufacturer - Other Intermediaries, Pakistan)
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