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Appendix VI

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Log of Updates

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Introduction

Regenagri Standard – Farms is an international certification scheme for regenerative agriculture owned by Regenagri CIC (hereinafter referred to in this document as "Regenagri").

This Appendix is a normative document and sets out the requirements for the Improvement Plan (hereinafter referred to in this document as "the Plan").

The Plan is to demonstrate the organisation's approach to continuous improvement and progressive implementation of the Regenagri Standard – Farms.

The Plan shall be developed based on the initial assessment result and shall be submitted to the Certification Body two (2) months prior to the first surveillance audit.

How to read and use this document

All provisions using the verbal form "shall" are mandatory requirements for certification and continued certification under the Regenagri Farms certification scheme.

Provisions using "should" are recommendations intended to support effective implementation and performance against the Continuous Improvement (CI) framework.

Provisions using "may" indicate permission, and "can" indicate possibility or capability.

Related documents:

1. Regenagri Glossary (normative)
2. Regenagri Standard – Farms (normative)
3. Regenagri Auditing and Certification Requirements (normative to CBs)
4. Regenagri Scoring Matrix (normative)
5. Regenagri Implementation Guidance (informative)

All current version of documents is available at https://regenagri.org/.

1. Scope

This Appendix applies to all organisations seeking certification under the Regenagri Farm certification scheme.

The Continuous Improvement Plan shall cover the period defined in Section 3 of Regenagri Standard – Farms and shall:

- Include all applicable requirements from Section 2 to Section 8 of Regenagri Standard - Farms;
- Apply to all activities, sites, and operations within the certification scope; and
- Be based on the initial assessment result and the applicable continuous improvement targets.

2. Continuous Improvement Plan structure

2.1. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall document, for each Continuous Improvement requirement applicable to the certified scope:

a. The baseline performance at the start of the certification cycle (from the initial assessment);
b. The yearly target and cycle-end target as defined in Section 3 of Regenagri Standard – Farms;
c. The actions planned to meet each target, including responsible person, timeline and required resources;
d. The monitoring method the organisation will use to track performance against the targets between audits.

2.2. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall draw on the topic-specific plans required under Section 2 of Regenagri Standard – Farms (Soil Management Plan, Nutrient Management Plan, Animal Management Plan, Biodiversity Plan, etc.) and integrate their improvement targets into a single Continuous Improvement Plan.

2.3. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include measures for:

a. Mitigation and prevention;
b. Restoration, where applicable; and
c. Remediation.

2.4. The organisation shall:

a. Submit the Continuous Improvement plan and monitor the progress against it in accordance with Section 3 of Regenagri Standard - Farms;
b. Document implementation and outcomes;
c. Update the Continuous Improvement plan to reflect progress and changing conditions (see Section 3 of Regenagri Standard – Farms).

3. Thematic Improvement areas

The thematic areas below are minimum areas to be considered where applicable and do not limit the organisation's obligation to cover all applicable continuous improvement requirements from Section 2 to Section 8 of the Regenagri Standard – Farms.

3.1. Where Synthetic Inputs (fertiliser and CPP) are used, the Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions and targets as required in Sections 4.8. to 4.12. of Regenagri Standard-Farms. The reduction of synthetic inputs shall be measured on a like-for-like toxicity basis.

3.2. Where GMOs are used, the Continuous Improvement Plan shall include:

a. Actions to reduce GMO use;
b. Progressive replacement measures; and
c. A phasing-out approach where feasible.

3.3. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions and time-bound measures related to Climate Change as specified in Section 7.4. to 7.6. of Regenagri Standard – Farms.

3.4. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions and time-bound measures to improve the Soil health as specified in Sections 4.1 to 4.14 of Regenagri Standard – Farms such as:

a. Improve soil fertility and Soil Organic Matter (SOM);
b. Reduce or avoid conventional tillage where feasible;
c. Implement soil conservation practices and reduce soil disturbance; and
d. Apply practices such as conservation tillage or no till, cover crops or other soil covering, mulching, composting, and carbon sequestration.

3.5. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions and water management measures as specified in Sections 4.13, 6.2. and 7.1. to 7.3. of Regenagri Standard – Farms, such as:

a. Mapping of water sources;
b. Efficient irrigation practices implementation;
c. Time-bound water conservation measures; and
d. Defining water use where applicable.

3.6. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include a Crop rotation plan ensuring the requirements if section 4.3. of Regenagri Standard – Farms are fulfilled.

3.7. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions and biodiversity and natural habitat conservation measures as specified in Section 6 of Regenagri Standard – Farms, such as:

a. Identification of key species and habitats;
b. Risk assessment and protection measures;
c. Buffer zones where appropriate; and
d. Time-bound actions and milestones to reduce degradation and support restoration.

3.8. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions, waste management and pollution prevention measures as specified in Section 7 of Regenagri Standard – Farms.

3.9. The Continuous Improvement Plan shall include actions and time-bound measures related to Labour, Health and Safety to:

a. Improve labour conditions and support community engagement (as specified in Section 8);
b. Progress towards wages above living wage benchmarks where applicable.

3.10. Where livestock is included, the Continuous Improvement Plan shall include clear time-bound actions, measures and targets by addressing all applicable to the scope of the farm operations requirements in Section 5 of Regenagri Standard – Farms.



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