

## 1. REFERENCES

1. In subchapter 6.6 of SPP's General Standard (Origin Criteria) it is specified that in certain cases it is possible to use ingredients from Northern Small Producers' Organizations, as long as they are certified under a verification scheme recognized by SPP Global.
2. SPP Global has a public list of Northern Countries ([www.spp.coop](http://www.spp.coop))
3. This list of approved Verification Systems only serves to properly apply all criteria mentioned in the first point.

## 2. DEFINITION PROCESSES AND CRITERIA

1. Verification Systems must ultimately be approved by the CNP, the Standards and Procedures Committee, based on equivalence concerning the following criteria of SPP Global's General Standard:
  - a) Production Size Criteria: 4.1.1 and 4.1.1.a.4
  - b) Organizational and Transparency Criteria: 4.1.1.b, 4.1.1.c, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.2.6, 4.9.1, 4.9.2 and 4.9.5.
  - c) Criteria for Productive, Economic and Social Development: 4.2.11, 4.4.2, 4.6.3, 4.8.1, 4.8.2 and 6.2.5
  - d) Traceability Criteria: 4.3.1, 4.3.2 and 4.5.1
  - e) Environmental Criteria: 4.7.2, 4.7.10 and 4.7.11
  - f) Contract and Pricing Criteria: 6.1.1, 6.1.3, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.3.1 and 6.4.1

## 3. APPROVED VERIFICATION SYSTEMS

The Verification Systems Approved by SPP Global referred to in criterion 6.6.3.b.ii of the Origin Criteria chapter of the SPP General Standard are listed below:

- a. BIOPARTENAIRE - (France)
- b. BIO ÉQUITABLE EN FRANCE - (France)

**Note:** There is the possibility of requesting the recognition of other verification systems to SPP Global.