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Supply Chain Shortage Exception for Orange Juice Certificate Holders

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Applicable to
Farm and Supply Chain Certificate Holders in the orange juice supply chain in all regions

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Certification and Traceability Exception

An exception to the Rainforest Alliance Standard mass balance and temporary supply shortage rules has been granted to orange juice certificate holders. Details on the scope of the exception are below.

1. Outline of Exception – Mass Balance

Due to concerns about a potential shortage of supply, actors within the orange juice supply chain are exempted from implementing requirement 2.3.1 below which only allows volumes to be converted for a process that can occur in reality. The exception specifically allows the conversion of mass balance volumes of frozen Concentrated Orange Juice (FCOJ) to Not From Concentrate juice (NFC).

ORANGE JUICE SUPPLY CHAIN ACTORS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

2.3.1	Volumes are only converted for a process that can occur in reality; product conversion cannot go backwards to a previous product.
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2. Outline of Exception – Temporary Shortage Policy

Rainforest Alliance recognizes the current challenges in the orange juice market and accept that there may be circumstances where shortages may occur which go beyond our current definition of a temporary shortage (less than 6 months). We will therefore consider requests for temporary supply shortage that go beyond the 6-month time period up through the 2025 harvest season. More information on our temporary supply shortage policy can be found in our [Rainforest Alliance Labelling and Trademarks Policy](#).

3. Implications of the Exception

Online reporting for mass balance credits (including conversion of FCOJ to NFC) shall be done as outlined in the Traceability chapter of the supply chain requirements and will continue as usual but with an appropriate conversion factor. For example, to convert FCOJ (66 Brix) to NFC (11 Brix), use a conversion ratio of 6. In this example, this means 1 kg FCOJ can convert to 6 kg NFC. Where the Brix is unknown or unclear, we advise using a conversion ratio of 5.5. The online traceability system has been updated to support this exception.