



UTZ Certified Cocoa, Coffee and Tea Chain of custody certification

BM TRADA is one of the few certification bodies approved by UTZ to audit and certify companies in the cocoa, coffee and tea supply chains to their chain of custody standard.

UTZ Certified is a program which protects both the environment and farming communities whilst helping ensure the long term sustainability of supply. It sets standards for the sustainable farming of cocoa, coffee and tea which assure safe and healthy working conditions, protection of the environment, no child labour and good agricultural practices.

The UTZ label shows your cocoa, coffee and tea can be traced from the grower to the final consumer product. The certification system is based on a strict Code of Conduct – covering social and economic criteria for responsible farming and growing practices – coupled with chain of custody requirements and an advanced track and trace system which links products back to certified growers.

UTZ chain of custody certification gives assurance of the integrity of the product through to its final delivery point.

What are the benefits?

This certification is applicable to all companies in the supply chain that own and handle the product and make UTZ Certified claims about the product. It provides evidence that the product originates from well-managed, certified sources and verifies that they are not mixed with products from uncertified sources at any point in the supply chain, except under strict management controls.

The benefits of UTZ chain of custody certification?

Having your chain of custody independently certified by BM TRADA gives your stakeholders confidence that you are committed to ensuring your

supply chain protects the environment, local communities and long term sustainability of supply. Certification to this scheme will:

- demonstrate your commitment to environmental practices and sustainable business
- meet the expectations of major manufacturers and retailers, many of whom include sustainable procurement practices in their corporate social responsibility policies and claims
- meet the expectations of consumers regarding your commitment to responsible sourcing
- improve your reputation and supports the organisation's claims about its sustainability and social responsibility credentials.

How to achieve certification

If you own, handle and wish to make UTZ claims about your product you need to be certified.

01 Application and review

Complete the BM TRADA request for quotation form. The information provided will allow us to provide you with a quotation and a competent audit team.

02 Main evaluation (this is completed in two stages)

On site:

- review the chain of custody system
- review the procedures and processes covering all activities related to the chain of custody system
- evaluate whether Critical Control Points (CCPs) have been identified and the risk of product mixing eliminated or minimised
- review the record keeping processes
- evaluate all outsourced processes

- verify the company's use of the UTZ trademark for on-product labelling and off-product market communications and claims.

Off site:

- provide a written report on the audit findings and non-conformances that need to be addressed
- review the written report (by BM TRADA head office).

03 Certification

On completion of step two (and closure of any identified non-conformities) certification is granted by BM TRADA. You will be issued with a certificate and certification marks to demonstrate and promote your certification.

Certification is valid for 365 days and is maintained through a programme of annual surveillance audits.

Additional services include:

- Supply chain – palm oil & soy
- BRC global standard food safety
- BRC global standard packaging
- Food safety – ISO 22000 & HACCP
- Quality – ISO 9001
- Environmental – ISO 14001
- Energy – ISO 50001
- Health & safety – OHSAS 18001
- Integrated – ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001
- Information security – ISO 27001
- Chain of custody
- BM TRADA Q-Mark

Call us for a quote or to discuss your certification needs

Why BM TRADA?

Choosing BM TRADA means you are working with a major international certification body with a leading reputation in responsible sourcing and sustainable supply chain certification. Our industry expertise and the standard of our services have helped us deliver certification to businesses in 70 countries around the world.

We pride ourselves on being approachable and responsive, and on offering clear, transparent pricing with no hidden costs. Making us your certification partner means you will have a designated auditor who understands your business.



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