

ECO

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IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The ECO — Expocacer Controlled Origin certification protocol called ECO is an initiative developed by EXPOCACER — COOPERATIVA DOS CAFEICULTORES DO CERRADO LTDA, in partnership with its cooperative coffee growers, with the main objective of promoting a sustainable vision in coffee production. The protocol acts as a tool for self-assessment and external evaluation, encouraging producers to comply with applicable legislation and the requirements defined by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP), with a focus on sustainable agricultural practices.

The program began in 2023, initially under the name SER SUSTENTÁVEL, and throughout 2024 it underwent an improvement process, aiming to meet the GCP equivalence criteria. During this period, several requirements have been reviewed and updated to ensure compliance with international sustainability standards.

This effort culminated successfully in December 2024, when GCP officially recognized the ECO protocol as equivalent to its benchmark. This achievement represents a significant milestone for EXPOCACER, evidencing its commitment to sustainable agriculture and transparency to all stakeholders in the coffee produced in the Cerrado Mineiro region.

GOAL

The purpose of this report is to present to the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) consolidated information on all the work carried out by EXPOCACER under the ECO protocol, in the period from January to July 2025. The document includes the implementation of the protocol with the cooperative producers who have so far adhered to the protocol, as well as the activities conducted by EXPOCACER's sustainability department, including specialized

consultancies and internal audits, in addition to external audits carried out by a third-party certifier throughout the period. It is an initiative aimed at promoting transparency, traceability of processes and alignment with the sustainability principles established by the GCP.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECO PROTOCOL IN 2025

The ECO Protocol began in 2023, still under the name SER Sustentável EXPOCACER. In 2024, with the achievement of its validation with the Global Coffee Platform (GCP), the protocol was renamed ECO — Version 2.0. And its practical implementation happened as follows:

a. Training of the EXPOCACER Sustainability Department.

The ECO Protocol was developed by the company AGROCERT LTDA, with Mr. Robson Carvalho — Civil Engineer and Occupational Safety Technician — as the main technical responsible — in partnership with Mr. Jorge Leite, Coordinator of the Sustainability Department of EXPOCACER.

Based on this partnership, AGROCERT LTDA was given the mission of training EXPOCACER's internal team, specifically the sustainability department, for the practical implementation of the protocol with associated producers.

The training was held on January 27, 2025, and was attended by the entire team in the sector, as proven by the certificates (available in the folder "ECO Training — Expocacer Sustainability Department", sent as evidence), as well as by the photographic record, also available in the same folder.

b. Producers' adhesion

The adhesion of producers occurs as defined by the ECO Protocol. After the producer expresses, with the Sustainability Department of EXPOCACER,

interest in participating in the protocol, a preliminary analysis is carried out, based on the minimum requirements established by the protocol. If the producer complies with these criteria, the Term of Adhesion to the Protocol is then signed. All signed terms are available in the *Producers' Adhesion Agreement folder*.

It is worth mentioning that the producers who have participated in the program since its creation still have, in their terms of adhesion, the original nomenclature of the protocol — SER Sustentável. To avoid any discomfort or misfortune with the transition from SER to ECO, the Sustainability Department chose to keep the initial terms already signed valid, understanding that there would be no need to issue a new term of adhesion for these producers. New participants in the program sign the updated term of adhesion, with the official nomenclature of the ECO protocol.

c. Training of producers and practical implementation of the ECO Protocol version 2.0 with producers.

As of March 2025, all producers who already participated in the ECO Protocol were trained in the new version of the program. During these training courses, all the new requirements, controls, and documents that are now part of the protocol were presented and detailed. As proof, the records of these trainings can be found in the "ECO Training for The Producers" folder, as well as the slide used by EXPOCACER to teach the training developed by Agrocert Ltda, also available in the same folder.

As for the new properties integrated into the ECO Group number 01, they also underwent the same integration training to the program as soon as they signed the term of adhesion, as provided for by the ECO protocol. Proof of training is also available in the "ECO Training For The Producers" folder.

Producers' terms of adhesion available in the "Producers' Adhesion Agrément" folder.

d. Group Formation.

As established in the ECO Protocol, producers can join the program individually or as part of a group of farms. So far, only one group has been formed, called Group 01, which was audited as Year 02 by the decision of the Sustainability Department, aiming to keep all farms at the same level. Thus, all Group 01 properties were evaluated in internal and external audits as belonging to Year 02.

Starting in the next semester, starting in July 2025, producers who wish to join the program will be allocated to a new group, called Group 02. This group will be audited against Year 01 requirements as defined by the protocol.

e. Consulting

After the producer's formal adherence to the protocol, through the signing of the Term of Adhesion (document available in the Producers' Adhesion Agreement folder), EXPOCACER's Sustainability Department starts to support the producer in the practical implementation of all the requirements of the protocol. The consultancy carried out by the department aim to assist producers in the preparation of all applicable documentation, as well as to guide in the adequacy of the physical structure of the farms and the adoption of good agricultural practices.

f. Internal Audit

Internal audits of the protocol, as established in the protocol itself, can be carried out either by the Sustainability Department of EXPOCACER or by a third-party company that meets the criteria defined by the protocol. The main objective of these audits is to provide the producer with a clear view of the real situation of his property in relation to compliance with the requirements of the protocol.

In this way, 100% of the farms certified by ECO must undergo at least one internal audit per year. So far, the Sustainability Department itself has conducted this process, which is carried out in parallel with the technical consultancies, also including the completion of the evaluation checklist provided for in the protocol.

As evidence of the internal audits carried out, the records are available in the "Internal Audit" folder.

g. Training for Auditors

As defined by the protocol, in order for the audit to be conducted properly and the requirements to be correctly understood, it is necessary for the designated auditor to go through a protocol-specific training process. In this context, a training was given by Mr. Robson Carvalho, from Agrocert Ltda — one of those responsible for the development of the protocol — to auditor Micaela Sanae de Oliveira Sato, appointed by Savassi Certificadora to conduct the audit of the protocol.

As evidence, the material referring to the training is available in the "ECO Training — Auditors" folder, including a photographic record (print) made on the day of the training.

h. External Audit

The ECO Protocol defines, in its scope, the guarantee of SECOND PARTY, that is, conducted by EXPOCACER itself, without the obligation of the involvement of an external certifier accredited in Brazil.

However, as part of a strategic decision aimed at the credibility and transparency of the program, EXPOCACER chose to enter a partnership with SAVASSI Agribusiness, a nationally recognized certifier accredited by INMETRO, with extensive experience in programs such as Rainforest Alliance, GLOBALG. A.P., 4C, among others.

The period of external audits of the protocol, referring to Group 01, took place between June 23 and July 4, 2025.

As detailed later in this report, Group 01 is composed of 28 producers. During the external audit process, 8 producers were audited. Of these, 2 producers own more than one property, which required separate audits to be carried out on two additional farms, totaling 10 audited farms. This number corresponds to approximately 33% of the total group, in accordance with the sampling criteria defined by the protocol.

As evidence of the audits carried out, the checklists filled out by the auditor and the official photographic records of the days of the audits, organized in the "External Audit" folder, are available.

i. Issuance of Certificate.

At the time of writing, the ECO By EXPOCACER Certificate has not yet been issued. The non-conformities identified during the external audit process are still in the correction phase, as established by the protocol. In this sense, the

certificate will be issued by EXPOCACER and later sent to the certified properties, as soon as the entire process is properly completed.

In the "Certificate ECO Model" folder you will find the certificate model that will be used after the completion of the correction procedures.

GENERAL DATA OF THE CERTIFIED PRODUCER GROUP

a. Data GROUP 01 — ECO By EXPOCACER.

No.	PRODUCER	PROPERTIES	Total Area (Ha)	Coffee Area (Ha)
1	Fernando Nogue Beloni	Horizontalina, Santa Cruz da Vargem Grande, Chapadão Arlindo, Chapadão Emiliano.	2122,92	371,00
2	Alex Fabiany Mendes	Salt peter.	101,00	100,00
3	Alessandro Figueiredo Brandão.	Duas Pontes	221,00	95,00
4	Claudio Nasser de Carvalho	Recanto e Caixetas.	631,00	227,05
5	Gláucio de Castro.	Macaúbas de Cima.	496,00	316,00
6	Gustavo Caixeta Ribeiro.	Bragas / Congonhas / Sumatra / São Francisco.	386,00	266,00
7	Marcelo Pereira Lima Verde.	Kaizen.	171,00	80,00
8	Marcus de Queiroz Heitor.	Reserva Heitor	203,00	118,00
9	Maria Aparecida Fernandes Pires Ruiz.	Our Lady of Aparecida	257,00	142,78
10	Mario Alves Rebehy.	Nice Garden/Corridors	561,00	297,81
11	Três Irmãs Agrícola.	Bom Jardim LG Varões	815,00	206,56
12	Virginia Coutinho Aguiar Siqueira.	Seed	672,00	214,80
13	Ely Humberto Nunes	Serra Negra Farm	300,00	129,00
14	HMM Agropecuária Ltda.	Santo Antônio Farm – Figueiredo Place	220,00	119,00
15	Jonathan Domingos Silva.	São João Batista Farm	270,01	98,00
16	Jonathan Domingos Silva.	Fazenda Campina Verde	396,00	28,00
17	José Ricardo Stabile and Other(s).	Boa Vista Farm / Fernandes Ranch	200,00	100,00
18	Leandro Malvezzi Brambila e Outros	Alagoas Farm - Carambola	70,00	70,00
19	Marcelo Ribeiro de Melo.	Pasto dos Bois Farm	72,90	51,40
20	Michel Amaral Porichis.	Serra Negra Farm	31,00	31,00
21	Nelson Rivelini.	Fazenda Esmeril / São Martin	125,00	100,00
22	Nivaldo Ramalho de Oliveira and Other(s).	Talismã Farm	10,00	10,00
23	Sergio Luiz Petrachi e Outros	Alliance Farm	446,00	189,56
24	Tiago Reinaldo Souza.	Santo Antônio / Lugar Lagoa Seca, Retiro ou Pedrosas	25,00	6,00
25	Virginia Velloso.	Vivie Farm	812,24	470,00
26	Valdeir Correia de Faria.	Retiro	11,90	9,00
27	João Batista Dias.	São José Garimpo	655,00	205,00
28	José Carlos.	Bom Jardim	17,29	10,00
29	Antônio Francisquini Baptista.	Fazenda São José.	273,05	109,00

Total certified area: 11,126.48 hectares.

Total Coffee Area: 4,353.56 hectares.

Estimated production for the year 2025: 133,201.00 bags of 60 kg (7,992,060.00 kg)

Available in the "Producers Control" folder, there is the control spreadsheet "Registration of Members of Group 01", with the registration information of the producers participating in the protocol.

MONITORING POINTS FOR GCP ASSESSMENT

In response to the questions raised by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP), below are the descriptions and evidence presented, as well as the details of the actions carried out in the period from January to July 2025.

AREAS OF ATTENTION IN THE EVALUATION	JUSTIFICATION / GAP FOUND	ACTION POINT	TO BE REFLECTED IN	TERM	EXPOCACER OPINION
<p>Changes made to the ECO checklist to come into alignment with the CRSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 of 24 expected results Budget • 22 of 30 expected results Social • 9 of 39 expected results. Environmental (some partial and only clarifications) 	Some clarifications and explicit details are missing	<p>Socialization with producers QI and QII 2025 by internal auditors</p> <p>QII Sustainability Department Formation 2025</p>	Socialization and progress report on implementation	July 2025	The ECO By EXPOCACER Protocol, already approved by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP), is duly implemented with all stakeholders. In the files sent to GCP, training certificates, proof of internal and external audits, as well as official protocol reports, referring to the actions carried out in the period from January to July 2025, are available.
<p>1.2.2 Producers are aware of all their revenues and costs. This information provides a basis for identifying gaps between total income and Living Income Benchmarks as they become available.</p>	No reference to living income.	<p>Introduce the concept of living income, including measuring gaps with producers as coffee/Brazil living income benchmarks become available</p> <p>https://www.globallivingwage.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Living-Income-Estimates-for-Coffee-Brazil_72228.pdf</p>	Training materials	QIV2025	<p>The producers' awareness of their revenues and costs became part of the program.</p> <p>Thus, at the time of integration of the producer into the protocol, this topic is already included in the scope of the training. In addition, during consultants and audits (internal and external), the proof of this knowledge and the respective controls began to be validated.</p> <p>The following documents are available as evidence: Slides; Training Minutes, internal and external evaluations.</p>

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9.3.2 The use of pesticides on the Phase-Out List is minimized and phased out by 2030, if possible.	Not covered	Integrated into the checklist and materials for the implementation of the QI-QII 2025	Socialization and progress report on implementation – highlight any issues with this requirement	July 2025	This requirement was incorporated into the ECO By EXPOCACER Protocol, being transmitted to producers through training and technical consulting. Its application is now required and verified during internal audits, conducted by EXPOCACER's sustainability department, and in external audits carried out by the independent certifier.
Various changes to operational requirements , including documentation of existing processes	Some clarifications and explicit details are missing	Socialization with producers QI and QII 2025 by internal auditors QII Sustainability Department Formation 2025	Socialization and progress report on implementation	July 2025	As already detailed in this report, the slides of the training records of the consultancy carried out and the proof of the training applied to the producers are available. Internal and external evaluation procedures were also carried out. After updating and validating with the GCP, all changes were duly communicated to the producers and farms participating in the ECO Protocol.

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Regulatory control of documents	Most normative documents have no dates, effective dates, or version numbers within the document (some only in the file name)	Add to all major system documents that are being submitted for evidence, including certification protocol document control - version number, date, and effective date (if different) on the document itself (the cover page or second page is typical) All documents have the version.	Checklist and protocol site documents	Before the public announcement	The normative documents of ECO By Expocacer have already been updated since their publication. Expocacer has officially updated these documents with the protocol's progress data so far, available on the ECO By Expocacer website. Access: ECO - Expocacer Along with this report, Expocacer sends the official documents of ECO By Expocacer as evidence of the negotiations. "Official Communication Documents" folder
A4. Remediation. policy/protocol in the event that a serious non-compliance is found at the farm or group level of a Critical Practice, or actions that have or may have serious negative impacts on people or the environment.	Missing	Added to Protocol Socialization and Implementation	REMEDATION POLICY FOR CRITICAL NONCONFORMANCES Socialization and progress report on implementation	Before the public announcement July 2025	The Correction Policy for Critical Non-Conformities has been in force since the launch of version 02 of the ECO By EXPOCACER Protocol. This document is already being applied, including in the current audit processes, in which non-compliant points classified as critical were identified. Expocacer's Sustainability Department is conducting the treatment of these points through the Remediation Policy for Critical Nonconformities. This policy is available in the "Official Disclosure Documents" folder, as well as on the Sustainable Coffee website. Access: ECO - Expocacer (Remediation Protocol)

AREAS OF ATTENTION IN THE EVALUATION	JUSTIFICATION / GAP FOUND	ACTION POINT	TO BE REFLECTED IN	TERM	EXPOCACER OPINION
A7. Exceptions Policy.	Missing	<p>Added to Protocol</p> <p>Socialization and Implementation</p>	<p>EXCEPTION_EVALUATION_PROCEDURES</p> <p>Socialization and progress report on implementation</p>	<p>FINISHED</p> <p>July 2025</p>	<p>The Exceptions Policy was made available to interested parties in the launch of version 02 of the ECO By EXPOCACER Protocol. Currently, the document is under review by the EXPOCACER technical team and will be resent on July 17, 2025, along with the other updated documents.</p>
C2. Monitoring claims usage	<p>Missing. System for approving claims, but not for monitoring usage, notes that the responsibility lies entirely with the customer.</p>	<p>Add to protocol in consultation with the Sustainability and Marketing Department.</p>		<p>End of 2025</p>	<p>This requirement is being updated by EXPOCACER's technical department and will be made available along with the other updated documents on July 17, 2025.</p>

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the ECO By Expocacer protocol was accredited by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA), a Brazilian government agency responsible for formulating and implementing public policies for the agricultural sector. This achievement gives even more credibility to the ECO protocol, reinforcing stakeholders the certainty that EXPOCACER carries out a reliable and transparent work, which has been shaping the directions and concepts of coffee production in the Cerrado Mineiro Region.

Available in the "MAPA" folder: the publication in the Official Gazette of the Union that officializes the recognition of the ECO — EXPOCACER CONTROLLED ORIGIN Protocol.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND EVIDENCE

Attached to this report are all documents and records supporting the processes and activities carried out, as requested by GCP. EXPOCACER has acted professionally, ethically and transparently. In this context, the ECO By Expocacer Protocol has been implemented with producers who already have some type of certification. However, the main focus is on those who do not yet have any certification, ensuring that producers without previous contact with the concepts of sustainability can join the program and improve their coffee management and production systems.

The support documentation made available aims to demonstrate this work and prove the progress obtained.

CONCLUSION

The update of the ECO By Expocacer Certification Protocol, carried out at the end of 2024 in alignment with GCP requirements, resulted in a more robust, effective system with a higher level of responsibility and control with producers.

EXPOCACER has been actively dedicated to the implementation of the program, both with producers who have never had contact with certifications and with those who already have experience in verification systems.

The program has proven to be successful, with good acceptance by producers and positive recognition from the final consumer. The assurance level of the ECO By Expocacer Protocol is defined as second-party. However, to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability, credibility, and transparency to all stakeholders, the external audit process was conducted by a certified certifier in Brazil, specialized in protocols such as Rainforest Alliance, 4C, among others.

This report gathers all the information on the progress of the implementation of the ECO By Expocacer Protocol. The supporting documentation presented contains the records and evidence of all the work carried out.

EXPOCACER thus reaffirms its commitment to sustainability, promoting increasingly responsible coffee growing in line with good agricultural practices, with a focus on transforming coffee production in the Cerrado Mineiro Region.

Patrocínio MG, July 16, 2025.

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