

# Derogation for Better Cotton Chain of Custody Guidelines version 1.4

The devastating earthquake which occurred in southeast Turkey on 6th February 2023 has severely impacted the lives of those people and organisations in the surrounding areas. The impact on the populations concerned, including those engaged in cotton production and processing, has been devastating. Better Cotton Farmers, Programme Partners and many members, non-member BCP users, and ginner are based in the affected areas. Better Cotton extends its deepest expression of sympathy, solidarity, and support to the victims and to the cotton growing and processing communities in Turkey and Syria and to the staff of our partners in the region.

Following this, Better Cotton have issued the following derogation for organisations in Turkey in relation to the Better Cotton Chain of Custody Guidelines version 1.4:

Current Requirement	Derogation
2.1.5 The ginner shall communicate any changes in primary contact names, procurement processes, or outsourcing arrangements to BCI via email within 15 calendar days of the change occurring	<b>Ginner shall be allowed 180 calendar days to communicate any changes</b>
2.4.3 The ginner shall enter all purchases, lint production and sale of Better Cotton into the BCP, in a timely manner indicated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better Cotton purchases are entered within 30 calendar days of receiving seed Better Cotton.</li> <li>Lint productions are entered within 30 calendar days of lint Better Cotton being produced.</li> </ul> Sales of lint Better Cotton are entered within 30 calendar days of shipment date.	<b>Ginner shall be allowed 180 calendar days to enter purchase, production, and sales information.</b>
2.4.4 Requests of transaction cancellations should be submitted within 30 calendar days of the sale being entered in the BCP.	<b>Ginner shall be allowed 180 calendar days to request cancellations.</b>
3.1.5 The organisation shall communicate any changes in primary contact names/ details, or any other significant changes related to BCI Orders, to BCI by email within 15 calendar days of the change occurring	<b>Organisations shall be allowed 180 calendar days to communicate any changes</b>
3.2.5 Organisations using the BCP shall acknowledge purchase transactions and enter sale transactions in a timely manner as follows: a) Purchase transactions shall be acknowledged within 60 calendar days of data being entered into BCP. b) Sale transactions shall be entered within 60 calendar days of the shipment date.	<b>Organisations shall be allowed 180 calendar days to acknowledge purchases or enter Sales transactions</b>
3.2.6 Requests of transaction cancellations should be submitted within 30 calendar days of sale being entered in the BCP.	<b>Organisations shall be allowed 180 calendar days to request cancellations.</b>

Better Cotton will continue to review the situation in these regions and provide further relief or issue new timelines if necessary. Better Cotton also understand that there may be unique circumstances and shall consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

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