

## Communication regarding amfori BSCI and Equalitas audit recognition

**To:** amfori BSCI members, amfori BSCI audit companies

**Subject:** Equalitas/amfori BSCI audit recognition (Key points, details, procedures)

### Key communication points.

- Equalitas and amfori have signed an agreement of mutual audit recognition in the Wine sector in Italy
- This will reduce audit duplication and therefore benefit producers and members of both amfori BSCI and Equalitas
- It is possible for amfori BSCI members to execute this on the amfori Sustainability Platform immediately – see the procedures below.
- Any questions can be sent to [info@amfori.org](mailto:info@amfori.org)

### Details

- In 2019 and 2020 Parties compared their audit frameworks. For amfori, this is amfori BSCI, for Equalitas it is the Equalitas standard (version 4), an audit framework for the wine industry.
- As a result, the amfori BSCI project group, in consultation with amfori BSCI members, agreed to this recognition arrangement.
- **amfori now fully recognize** the Equalitas scheme and acknowledge that Equalitas meets all amfori crucial requirements.
- Therefore, if an auditee meets the Equalitas Audit Framework, then **amfori considers the auditee to comply with the amfori BSCI audit framework.**

### Statement from Richard (Dick) Dictus, President, amfori

amfori see the value in connecting with local partners to streamline due diligence approaches for our members.

In the wine sector in Italy, our partnership with Equalitas is mutually beneficial for the members and business partners of both organisations.

The audit recognition announced today demonstrates how a partnership of trust and aspiration can progress into practical tools. We are looking forward to working closely with Equalitas on audit and capacity building activities, and continuing to develop a robust partnership based on mutual trust and respect.

### Statement from Equalitas President, Riccardo Ricci Curbastro:

I am proud to be able to formalize, after two years of work, the mutual recognition between the SOPD Equalitas and amfori BSCI standards. Avoiding duplication for wine companies has been one of the objectives of Equalitas since the birth of the



Equalitas s.r.l.

Via Venti Settembre 98/G - 00187 Roma  
[www.equalitas.it](http://www.equalitas.it) - [segreteria@equalitas.it](mailto:segreteria@equalitas.it)  
T +39 06 44 25 05 89 / F +39 06 44 24 99 65

project. I am also convinced that the partnership with amfori will lead to greater awareness of the sector about an issue, the ethical-social one, which cannot be ignored if you want to have a truly holistic approach towards sustainability.

## Appendix

Procedure for an amfori BSCI member to upload an Equalitas audit on the amfori Sustainability Platform

- The RSP Member logs in to the amfori Sustainability Platform
- Go to 'Sustainability', then 'Sustainability Profile' for the relevant business partner
- Press 'Actions' in the top right hand corner, then 'Upload Result'
- Choose the Initiative 'Equalitas audit' and upload a pdf of the respective audit
- Enter the expiry date and press 'Finish'

Ends



Equalitas s.r.l.

Via Venti Settembre 98/G - 00187 Roma  
[www.equalitas.it](http://www.equalitas.it) - [segreteria@equalitas.it](mailto:segreteria@equalitas.it)  
T +39 06 44 25 05 89 / F +39 06 44 24 99 65