

EXPO 2027 YOKOHAMA JAPAN

Code of Sustainable Procurement (Summary Version)

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Summary of the Code of Sustainable Procurement

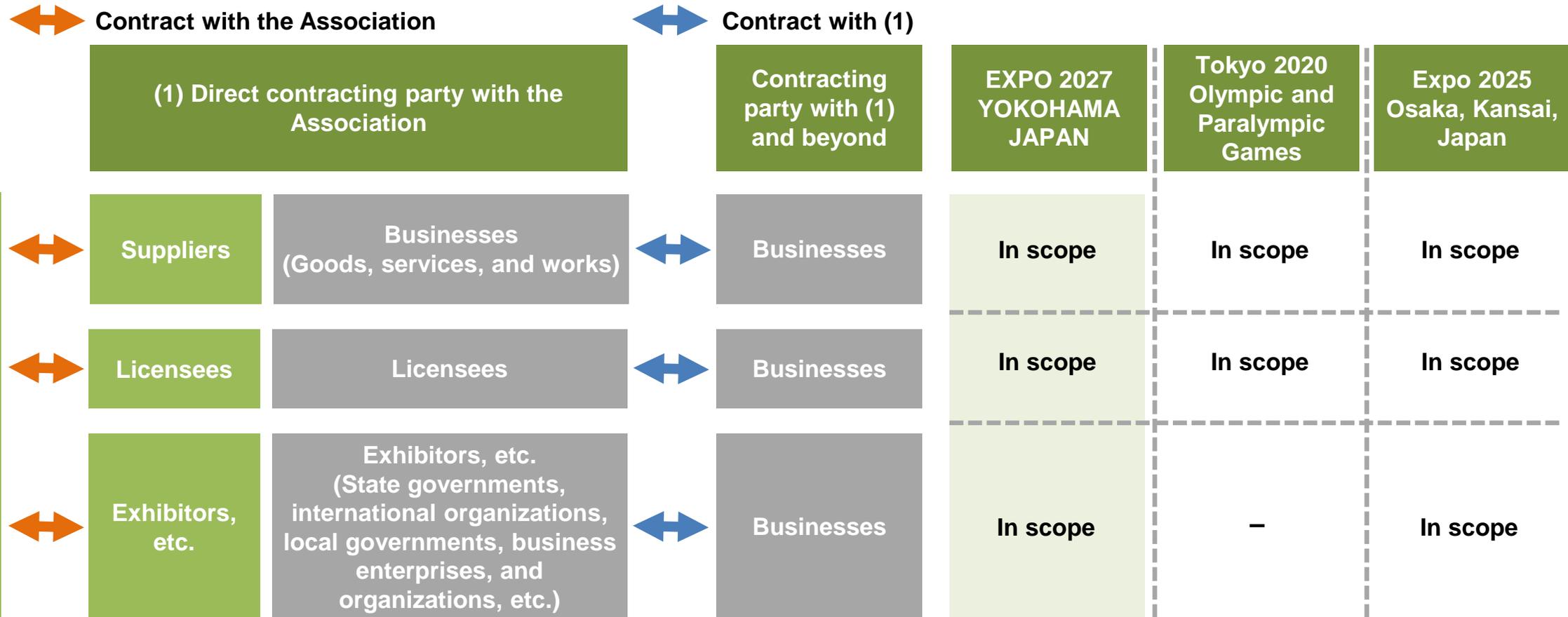


- **We formulated the Code of Sustainable Procurement (Procurement Code) in January 2024**, which the Association and exhibitors, etc. shall adhere to in the procurement of goods and services, implementation of construction, and other processes.
- As **five common standards and six standards by item were established** for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, we formulated the same standards according to these precedent cases as they are matters of high importance for EXPO 2027 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.
- In addition, for standards by item, we have also **established a new category called “7 Plants,” which is unique to EXPO 2027 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.**

Item	Composition of the Procurement Code for EXPO 2027 YOKOHAMA JAPAN
Sustainability Standards (Common Standards)	We established the following five common standards that will be applied uniformly to all goods, services, and works. 1 General provisions, 2 The environment, 3 Human rights, 4 Labour, and 5 The economy
Standards by item	For important goods, services, and works, we established the following seven standards by item. 1 Wood materials, 2 Paper materials, 3 Agricultural products, 4 Livestock products, 5 Fishery products, 6 Palm oil, and 7 Plants

Scope of application of the Procurement Code

- For EXPO 2027 YOKOHAMA JAPAN, we have followed the example of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan to include **Suppliers, Licensees, Exhibitors, etc., and contracting parties beyond these parties in the scope of application.** Since the business characteristics as well as the forms and sizes of exhibitors, etc. vary, **we carefully considered the content of the Procurement Code to enable exhibitors, etc. to be compliant with the code.**



Summary of the sustainability standards (common standards)



- By taking into account the latest social situations and other matters, we have established **five sustainability standards (common standards) comprised of 1 General provisions, 2 The environment, 3 Human rights, 4 Labour, and 5 The economy.**

Standards	Summary of Common Standards	Items (excerpt)
1 General provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complying with domestic and international laws and regulations, etc. and respecting international norms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with laws and regulations • Prohibition of retaliatory action
2 The environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that goods, services, and works meet the standards set by national laws, regulations, and policies, etc. to reduce environmental impact. • Giving consideration to reducing environmental impact across the entire value chain in the lifecycle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilisation of renewable energy • Promotion of the 3Rs & renewables and circular economy • Reduction of plastic product use and mitigation of its contamination of the environment • Conserve biodiversity
3 Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respecting the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the Association calls for diversity and inclusion to achieve inclusive exposition operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for international human rights standards • Prohibition of discrimination and harassment • Respect for the rights of women, people with disabilities, and children
4 Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respecting the Core Labour Standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and ensuring appropriate worker management and work environment to achieve decent work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for international labour standards • Prohibition of long working hours, etc. • Workplace health and safety
5 The economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on initiatives related to fair business practices and local economy to harmonize the three elements of the environment, society, and the economy in economic and business activities and to contribute to the sustainable growth of Japan’s economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of corruption • Appropriate information management • Stimulation of the local economy

Summary of standards by item



- In addition to common standards, we will apply standards by item that prescribe matters related to the details and quality, etc. of important goods, services, and works.
- **We have established seven standards by item, including a new category called “7 Plants,” which is unique to EXPO 2027 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.**

Standards	Summary of standards by item
1 Wood materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring appropriate logging processes and forest management, conservation of ecosystems, respect for the rights of indigenous peoples and local residents, and assurance of the occupational safety of workers.
2 Paper materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising recycled pulp, and for virgin pulp, complying with the same standards that are applied to wood materials.
3 Agricultural products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring food safety, agricultural production in consideration of adjacent environments and ecosystems, and the occupational safety of workers, among other matters.
4 Livestock products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring food safety, environmental conservation, the occupational safety of workers, and the rearing and management of livestock in consideration of the comfort of livestock, among other matters.
5 Fishery products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring appropriate fishing and production, resource management for wild fishery products, conservation of ecosystems and food safety in the production of farmed fishery products, and the occupational safety of workers, among other matters.
6 Palm oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring compliance with laws and regulations of the country of production as well as other relevant laws and regulations, conservation of the environment at production sites, and the occupational safety of workers, among other matters.
7 Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring production of ornamental plants in consideration of adjacent environments and ecosystems, and the occupational safety of workers, among other matters.

1 Summary of procurement standards for wood materials

Wood materials subject to the standards

- Lumber, composite wood, cross laminated timber, plywood, laminated veneer lumber, and flooring boards used as building materials
- Plywood boards used for building concrete moulds
- Wood used for furniture

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- Documents concerning the certifications and requirements must be **retained for five years**, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) The timber should be **logged through appropriate processes that conform to the forest-related laws and regulations of the country or territory where the raw wood is produced.**
- (2) The timber **derives from forests that are maintained and managed based on medium- to long-term plans or policies.**
- (3) Logging is performed in such a way as the **ecosystem is protected, environmentally important areas are appropriately conserved, and the timber is not from forests to be converted into agricultural lands, etc.**
- (4) The forests are utilised in such a manner that the **rights of the indigenous peoples and local residents are respected.**
- (5) **Occupational health and safety are ensured for the workers** employed for logging.

Regarding plywood boards for concrete moulds, make efforts to reuse them, and aim to meet requirements (1) through (5) in the reuse, where (1) is a mandatory requirement.

Ways to show that the requirements (1) through (5) are satisfied

- **Materials certified by FSC, PEFC, or SGEC**
 - For non-certified materials, the satisfaction of the requirements shall be verified through the following methods.
 - ✓ **Materials are in compliance with the guidelines established by Japan's Forest Agency** and their legality has been verified. Plywood boards for concrete moulds are in compliance with **the Policy on Promoting Green Purchasing in Japan** and their legality has been verified.
 - ✓ Verify that the forests are **certified with forest management plans, etc.**, or the landowner, etc. has plans, etc. for management and maintenance of the sites.
 - ✓ If wood materials are **produced from forests such as forests with rare species of flora or fauna or important forests that require protection**, verify that **conservation measures, etc.**, are implemented.
 - ✓ If the **rights of indigenous peoples, etc. are involved**, verify that their **consent has been obtained based on sufficient, prior information.**
 - ✓ Verify that the workers are provided with a **working environment where their health and safety are ensured** through, for example, the provision of health and safety education and the use of safety equipment.

2 Summary of procurement standards for paper materials

Paper materials subject to the standards

- Posters, fliers, pamphlets, books/reports, tickets, certificates, printing paper, administrative notebooks, envelopes, business cards, toilet rolls, tissue paper, paper serviettes, paper bags, paper plates, paper cups, packaging boxes for licenced products, and wrapping paper

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- The documents concerning the paper to be used must be **retained for one year** following the end of the EXPO, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) **Recycled pulp** is used to the maximum extent possible.
- (2) Where non-recycled pulp (virgin pulp) is used, its raw materials such as wood materials shall satisfy the following requirements.
 - a **The timber should be logged through appropriate processes that conform to the forest-related laws and regulations of the country or territory where raw wood is produced.**
 - b **The timber derives from the forests that are maintained and managed based on medium- to long-term plans or policies.**
 - c Logging is performed in such a way as the **ecosystem is protected, environmentally important areas are appropriately conserved, and the timber is not from forests to be converted into agricultural lands, etc.**
 - d The forests are utilised in such a manner that the **rights of the indigenous peoples and local residents are respected.**
 - e Occupational health and safety are ensured for the workers employed for logging.
- (3) The paper is **not brightened excessively, printed excessively, or processed in such a way that makes paper recycling difficult.**

Ways to show that the requirement (2) is satisfied

- **Obtain FSC, PEFC, or SGEC certification**
 - If the certification is not obtained, verify the following:
 - ✓ Verify that the timber is **logged or otherwise harvested through appropriate procedures with reference to the laws and regulations of the country or territory where it is produced.**
 - ✓ Verify that the forests are **certified with forest management plans, etc.**, or the landowner, etc. has plans, etc. for management and maintenance of the sites.
 - ✓ **For areas such as areas with rare species of flora or fauna or important forests that require protection, verify that conservation measures, etc., are implemented.**
 - ✓ If the **rights of indigenous peoples, etc. are involved**, verify that their **consent has been obtained based on sufficient, prior information.**
 - ✓ Verify that the workers are provided with a **working environment where their health and safety are ensured** through, for example, the provision of health and safety education and the use of safety equipment.

3 Summary of procurement standards for agricultural products



Agricultural products subject to the standards

- Fresh agricultural produce* and processed food products whose primary ingredients are agricultural products

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- The documents concerning the agricultural products to be used must be **retained for one year** following the end of the EXPO, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of agricultural products in order to **ensure food safety**.
- (2) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of agricultural products in order to **ensure that agricultural production activities take into consideration the adjacent environments and ecosystems**.
- (3) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country of production are implemented for the production of agricultural products in order to **ensure the occupational safety of workers**.
- (4) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of agricultural products in order to **ensure the human rights of workers are protected**.

Ways to show that the requirements (1) through (4) are satisfied

- **Obtain GLOBALG.A.P., ASIAGAP, or JGAP certification**
 - If the certification is not obtained, products are **produced based on the GAP standards pursuant to the “Guidelines on International-level GAP,” and have a third-party certification by public agencies such as prefectural governments**.
 - If not pursuant to the “Guidelines on International-level GAP,” **products are produced by methods that are certified by a public agency or other third party as contributing to the reduction of their environmental impact**.

If it is difficult to verify the satisfaction of the requirements because products are produced overseas or for other reasons

- Products shall be procured with high priority placed on those products that are produced based on sustainability initiatives, such as Fairtrade, and their traceability ensured.

Recommended items in addition to the satisfaction of the above requirements

It is recommended to increase to the maximum extent possible the procurement of agricultural products produced organically, by methods that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, through the proactive participation of persons with disabilities in production, or in areas where people preserve traditional agricultural practices recognised by international organisations or national governments, such as the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems and Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems.

* This includes agricultural products as fresh products included in Appended Table 2 of the Food Labelling Standards pursuant to the Food Labelling Act of Japan.

4 Summary of procurement standards for livestock products



Livestock products subject to the standards

- Fresh livestock products* and processed food products whose primary ingredients are livestock products

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- The documents concerning the livestock products to be used must be **retained for one year** following the end of the EXPO, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of livestock products in order to **ensure food safety**.
- (2) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of livestock products in order to **ensure environmentally conscious livestock production activities**.
- (3) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of livestock products in order to **ensure the occupational safety of workers**.
- (4) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of livestock products in order to **ensure the human rights of workers are protected**.
- (5) Appropriate measures with reference to the **Terrestrial Animal Health Code by OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) and other regulations** in alignment with the animal welfare approach are implemented in order to ensure **animal comfort in livestock rearing management**.

Ways to show that the requirements (1) through (5) are satisfied

- **Obtain JGAP certification**
 - If the certification is not obtained, **products are produced by methods that are certified by a public agency or other third party as contributing to the reduction of their environmental impact**.

If it is difficult to verify the satisfaction of the requirements because products are produced overseas or for other reasons

- Products shall be procured with high priority placed on those products that are produced based on sustainability initiatives, such as Fairtrade, and their traceability ensured.

Recommended items in addition to the satisfaction of the above requirements

It is recommended to increase to the maximum extent possible the procurement of livestock products produced by farmers who are committed to sustainable livestock production.

* This includes livestock products as fresh products included in Appended Table 2 of the Food Labelling Standards pursuant to the Food Labelling Act of Japan. 9

5 Summary of procurement standards for fishery products



Fishery products subject to the standards

- Fresh fishery products* and processed food products whose primary ingredients are fishery products

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- The documents concerning the fishery products to be used must be **retained for one year** following the end of the EXPO, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) Fishing or production is **conducted appropriately in line with the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries by the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and other laws and regulations concerning fisheries.**
- (2) **Wild caught fishery products** caught by fisheries for which target fishery resources are managed in a planned manner, and **conservation of the ecosystem** is taken into account, based on scientific data.
- (3) For **farmed fish**, considerations are given **to preserve the ecosystems** by maintaining and improving the fishing environments based on scientific data and according to plans, and appropriate measures are implemented **to ensure food safety.**
- (4) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the fishing or production in order to **ensure the occupational safety of workers.**
- (5) Appropriate measures that conform to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production are implemented for the production of fishery products **to ensure the protection of and respect for the worker-related human rights** of workers engaged in catching and production of fishery products.

Ways to show that the requirements (1) through (5) are satisfied

- **Obtain MEL, MSC, or ASC certification**
 - If the certification is not obtained, verify the following:
 - (1) Fishery products are caught or produced by **fishing or farming based on improvement plans whose progress can be monitored** in a transparent and objective manner.
 - (2) Fishery products are caught based on an administrative body-authorized plan for **resource control pursuant to the Fishery Act of Japan**, and whose compliance with the requirements (4) and (5) is verified.
 - (3) Fishery products are produced in farms managed based on an administrative body-authorized **plan to maintain and improve the fishery environment**, and whose compliance with the requirements (4) and (5) is verified.

If it is difficult to verify the satisfaction of the requirements because products are produced overseas or for other reasons

- Products shall be procured with high priority placed on those products that are produced based on sustainability initiatives, such as Fairtrade, and their traceability ensured.

Recommended items in addition to the satisfaction of the above requirements

It is recommended to increase to the maximum extent possible the procurement of fishery products with MEL, MSC or ASC certification. No endangered species shall be used in principle.

* This includes fishery products as fresh products included in Appended Table 2 of the Food Labelling Standards pursuant to the Food Labelling Act of Japan.

6 Summary of procurement standards for palm oil

Palm oil subject to the standards

- The palm oil used for deep-frying (cooking for food services), in soap and detergent products, and as a raw material of processed food products

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- The documents concerning the palm oil to be used must be **retained for one year** following the end of the EXPO, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) **Appropriate procedures are followed with reference to relevant laws and regulations in relation to the development and management of farms** in the country or territory where the palm oil is produced.
- (2) Farm development and management are conducted in such a way as **the ecosystem is protected, and the environmentally important areas**, including wetlands and ancient woodlands, **are appropriately conserved**.
- (3) The farms are developed and managed in such a manner that **the rights of the indigenous peoples** and other parties in relation to the land are respected and **free, prior, and informed consent is obtained** from them.
- (4) The farms are developed and managed, and oil extraction plants are operated in such a way that **there is no child or forced labour and appropriate working environments are ensured for farm workers**.

Ways to show that the requirements (1) through (4) are satisfied

- **Obtain ISPO, MSPO, or RSPO certification**
 - If the certification is not obtained, **ensure the traceability of the palm oil and have a third party verify the following:**
 - (1) The farm has, based on the laws and regulations of the country of production, the **government-issued business license** necessary for farm operation and **complies with the relevant regulations**.
 - (2) If **rare species of flora or fauna** are found in the area where the farms are developed and managed, **measures to protect them are in place**. Where there are **wetlands, ancient woodlands**, or other important forest areas that need protection, **measures for their conservation are in place**.
 - (3) If the development and management of the farms involve the **rights of the indigenous peoples and other parties**, their consent is obtained by their free will based on prior information.
 - (4) The farms are developed and managed, and the oil extraction plants are operated, in such a way that **does not involve any child or forced labour, provides appropriate employment procedures, minimum wages, and other working conditions**, and **has appropriate occupational safety measures implemented**.

If it is difficult to verify whether the requirements are satisfied

- Based on the certification schemes, purchase credits corresponding to the amount of palm oil to be used.

7 Summary of procurement standards for plants



Plants* subject to the standards

- All plants used for greening and exhibition purposes (flower bedding plants, potted plants (including bonsai and flowering trees), trees, bamboo and bamboo grass, undergrowth, moss and turf, cut flowers, cut leaves, cut branches, seeds, bulbs, vegetable seedlings, fungi, etc.).
- The scope of plants is not limited to those produced, but also includes those collected from native plants

How to verify satisfaction of the requirements

- The documents concerning the plants to be used must be **retained for one year** following the end of the EXPO, and they must be submitted if requested by the Association.

Requirements to be satisfied

- (1) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production and collection are implemented for the production or other processes of plants in order to **ensure that production and collection activities take into consideration the adjacent environments and ecosystems.**
- (2) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production and collection are implemented for the production or other processes of plants in order to **ensure the occupational safety of workers.**
- (3) Appropriate measures with reference to the relevant laws and regulations, etc. of the country or territory of production and collection are implemented for the production or other processes of plants in order to **ensure the human rights of workers are protected.**

Collection of native plants should be kept to a minimum.
No endangered species shall be used.

Ways to show that the requirements (1) through (3) are satisfied

- Obtain **GLOBALG.A.P., ASIAGAP, or JGAP certification**
- Obtain **MPS-ABC** or a valid certification based on an **equivalent environmental certification system**
- Products are **produced based on the GAP standards pursuant to the “Guidelines on International-level GAP”** issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and **have a third-party certification** by public agencies such as prefectural governments.
 - **If plants other than those certified/confirmed are required, verify the following:**
 - (1) **Production and collection shall take into consideration the surrounding environments and ecosystems** in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country or territory of production.
 - (2) The **occupational safety of workers is ensured** in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country or territory of production.
 - (3) The **basic human rights of workers are protected** in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country or territory of production.

* Verification of compliance with (1) and (2) may be substituted by confirmation of initiatives that facilitate the Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems, MIDORI, in the case of products produced in Japan.

If it is difficult to verify the satisfaction of the requirements because products are produced overseas or for other reasons

- Products shall be procured with high priority placed on those products that are produced based on sustainability initiatives, such as Fairtrade, and their traceability ensured.

Recommended items in addition to the satisfaction of the above requirements

It is recommended to develop a sustainable production system and establish a sustainable distribution system through efforts to reduce imports, promote decarbonization, and reduce environmental impact in the procurement of materials and energy, as well as through innovation.

*Dried flowers, preserved flowers, items that are not living plants at the time of procurement (dead branches, etc.), and agricultural products are not included.

How to ensure sustainable procurement, and grievance mechanism



- We have established the methods necessary to ensure sustainable procurement to ensure compliance with the Procurement Code. The Grievance Mechanism was established in October 2024.

How to ensure sustainable procurement	Understanding the Procurement Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the Procurement Code in advance. 	Those subject to the Procurement Code will be implemented.
	Declaration of commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a commitment form to declare commitment to complying with the Procurement Code. 	
	Development of a compliance system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a system for Procurement Code compliance, and refer to international norms and/or domestic laws and regulations, etc. 	
	Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training or take other appropriate measures to disseminate the content of the Procurement Code to officers, employees, and members of the supply chains. 	
	Engagement with supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage supply chains to comply with the Procurement Code. • Include necessary information in specifications and other documents to ensure effective communication. 	
	Documentation of implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document the status of efforts made to comply with the Procurement Code to the extent possible. 	
	Disclosure and explanation of implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclose and explain the efforts in the manner specified by the Association based on the types, volumes, etc. of Procured Goods, etc. 	
	Verification and monitoring of compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association shall verify and monitor the status of compliance with the Procurement Code, and request those subject to the Procurement Code to accept third-party audits to be conducted, if necessary. 	
	Remedial measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If cases of noncompliance with the Procurement Code are found, the Association will demand the noncompliant parties to implement remedial measures and submit an improvement plan within a specified period. 	The Association will make requests to those subject to the Procurement Code.
Grievance Mechanism		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grievance Mechanism was established in October 2024 to receive and properly address reports concerning noncompliance with the Procurement Code. 	