

Public Standards Board Meeting

February 25, 2020

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Standard-Setting Project Proposals

Measuring Performance on Raw Materials Sourcing in the Apparel, Accessories & Footwear Industry

- The Board unanimously agreed to add a project on measuring performance on raw materials sourcing in the Apparel, Accessories & Footwear industry to its standard-setting agenda.
- The project will seek to revise, clarify, and consider improvements to metrics CG-AA-440a.1 and CG-AA-440a.2, including the technical protocols for each metric.

Supply Chain Management in the Tobacco Industry

- The board discussed a new standard-setting proposal on evaluating the environmental and social impacts of the supply chain as a new topic within the Tobacco Industry Standard.
- The board deferred voting on adding the project to its standard-setting agenda, but decided that the project is more appropriate as a research project at this stage for staff to further evaluate evidence of financial materiality of the topic.



• The staff will provide the board with an update at the 2020 Q2 board meeting on additional research findings, including an updated recommendation on whether to proceed to standard-setting activities

Research Project Proposals

Alternative Meat & Dairy

- The board discussed a new research project on exploring the relevance of alternative meat and dairy products across the Food & Beverage sector
- The intent of this research is to evaluate 1) how companies across the Food & Beverage sector manage alternative meat and dairy product offerings to address consumer preferences for such products, and 2) investor interest in this area
- The project will result in a staff recommendation on whether to proceed to standard-setting activities

Agenda Planning

- Staff provided an update to the Board on the project pipeline, including the anticipated 2020 timing of key project milestones. The staff and Board focused on items that are planned to appear on the June 22nd and 23rd, 2020 meeting agenda.
- Staff provided an update to the Board on examples of various issues in the project screening stage, some of which may advance to project proposals for consideration by the Board in future meetings, and discussed overall project prioritization relative to items in the screening strategy.
- No decisions that alter the standard-setting agenda or agenda priorities were made by the Board.