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The “Cadastro de Empregadores” (Employers Register, "dirty list") of contemporary slavery is a database created by the Brazilian government in November 2003 and is updated at irregular intervals by the Ministry of Economy. The register exposes cases where people were rescued under conditions considered analogous to slavery (i.e. forced labor, debt bondage, degrading conditions, and exhaustive journey).

You can find the official list [here](#), which was published on 3 October 2019.

After the direct reference to 4C [last year](#), we acted immediately and integrated the list into the audit and risk assessment procedure of the 4C System.

Auditors are required to compare coffee producers against the list during risk assessment, which can be accomplished by using our [Transparency List Tool](#).

Considering the new list published this month, 4C Services would like to confirm, that **no farmer mentioned is part of a producer group (“4C Unit”)** either holding a 4C Certificate or being in the process of receiving a 4C Certificate.

While we make the effort to keep the *Transparency List Tool* updated and reflect new publications by the Brazilian Government, the next iteration of our system template documents will incorporate automatisms on our 4C Portal, which will remove the extra effort for auditors – not only related to the “dirty list” in Brazil.

This increases both reliability of the 4C System as well as flexibility for 4C Services to integrate similar features without overwhelming auditors and group administrations (“Managing Entities”) with more specialized tools.

4C System users will be informed about details later this year.

4C Regional Stakeholder Conference in Antigua, Guatemala

With focus on Central America, we are organizing the first regional stakeholder conference in Antigua, Guatemala, on 23 January 2020.

Let us showcase how new technologies are being applied for a credible and secure 4C certification and engage in interesting discussions about topics presented by Government, coffee roasters and brandowners, trade and associations, coffee producers, research organisations, NGOs and 4C:

- Use of 4C in the region
- Impact of sustainability certification
- Risk and land use change assessment
- Climate friendly coffee
- Latest market developments
- Sustainable packaging (biobased, recycled) for the coffee sector

Networking among participants is not only enabled but encouraged.

The event will be free of charge, but a registration will be required.

A specific agenda with topics and speakers, will be announced in upcoming 4C newsletters and in the 4C website.

Please click [here](#) for registration.

Upcoming 4C trainings

In case you have missed out on the 4C trainings in Colombia, Ivory Coast, Mexico and Brazil, you still have another two possibilities to participate this year.

Who should participate? What are the target groups?

Certification bodies, auditors, managing entities of 4C Units, company representatives, NGOs, research bodies and authorities, coffee buyers, and other interested parties of the coffee sector.

What is the content?

- ✓ Find out how the 4C coffee certification system works and its recent improvements
- ✓ Learn how to use satellite images with biodiversity, land use change, and social datasets for risk assessments in coffee sourcing areas
- ✓ Get to know the new 4C Portal features available to managing entities, certification bodies, and final buyers

Don't miss the chance to participate in one of the next trainings:

- 06 - 07 November 2019, Ho-Chi-Minh, Vietnam (partially conducted in Vietnamese)
- 12 - 13 November 2019, Ho-Chi-Minh, Vietnam (conducted in English)

Click [here](#) for further information and [here](#) for registration.

Upcoming 4C Events

- 23 January 2020, Antigua, Guatemala: 4C Regional Stakeholder Conference
- 17 June 2020, Warsaw, Poland: 2nd 4C Global Sustainability Conference

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