

Description of the Standard setting process for

**WiN=WiN Fair Stone - International Standard for the Natural Stone Industry**

**PHASE 1:**

1. A first draft based on external requirements and observations from the past years' is compiled by the board and management team of Fair Stone Association
2. A notice about the standard revision process and the timeline is posted online on the [www.fairstone.org](http://www.fairstone.org) website. A dedicated email address will be published. Upon brief registration via said mail, interested stakeholders will receive the first draft to provide feedback and will be updated regularly along the process.
3. In parallel, selected stakeholders will be contacted directly and invited to provide feedback:
  - a. Auditors in the most relevant countries with active supply chains
  - b. Extended Advisory Board: Consisting of 1 exporter each from China, India and Vietnam. They were selected based on their experience with the standard implementation process
  - c. CSOs, NGOs, other organizations and specialists/consultants (such as National Stone Associations, National/ International Building Standards, Public Procurement Officials, ...)

**PHASE 2:**

4. A second draft is compiled based on the feedback received in Phase 1.
5. FS Partners (=participating importers) are contacted and invited to provide feedback. If there is interest in a group discussion, an online conference is offered for the FS Partners.
6. During an association meeting, the second draft including potential changes requested by the FS partners is presented to the voluntary association members.
7. The final version of the revised standard is published online and all stakeholders which have participated are informed about the release

Fair Stone Association is expecting a period of time of 6 month for the standard setting/ review process.

The standard will be under review each 3 years. The current edition was published in May 2020.