



Explanatory Note for Sites Implementing the RRA Criteria Guide 3.0 to Meet the Recognition Requirements of ResponsibleSteel

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ResponsibleSteel recognises The Copper Mark for levels 1, 2 and 3 of the Principle 3 responsible sourcing requirements as described in ResponsibleSteel's International Production Standard V2.1.

Sites in the Copper Mark Assurance Process wishing to use their assessment to support the responsible sourcing requirements as described in ResponsibleSteel's International Production Standard V2.1 must adhere to the following, regardless of position in the supply chain:

1. All criteria of the [Risk Readiness Assessment Criteria Guide, v.3.0](#) are applicable.

This means, stand-alone metal processors and downstream processors, manufacturers, and recyclers for whom, in accordance with the section on applicability, might not otherwise be assessed for some criteria, **must voluntarily include the following criteria within the scope of their assessment:**

- 4. Revenue Transparency
- 9. Mine Closure and Reclamation
- 20. Community Development
- 22. Security and Human Rights
- 23. Indigenous Peoples' Rights
- 24. Land Acquisition and Resettlement
- 25. Cultural Heritage
- 31. Tailings Management

Sites are encouraged to discuss this addition with Copper Mark staff, and include evidence to support a performance determination in Step 2: Self-Assessment.

2. The requirements in the Risk Readiness Assessment Criteria Guide are binding.

This means, the Criteria Guide use of the word "shall," is interpreted to mean "must."

For questions or clarifications, please contact info@coppermark.org.