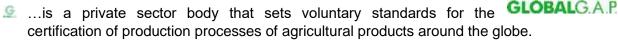
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Brief Introduction to the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Standard

1. GLOBALG.A.P. ...



- ...is primarily designed to reassure consumers about how food is produced on the farm by reducing detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations, reducing the use of chemical inputs and ensuring a responsible approach to worker health and safety as well as animal welfare.
- ...covers the controlled production process of primary products
- ...is owned by FoodPLUS GmbH see http://www.globalgap.org
- ...allows the use of trademark and QR code logo in business-to-business communication.

2. GLOBALG.A.P. covers:

- √ Food safety and traceability
- ✓ Environmental sustainability and biodiversity
- ✓ Workers' health, safety and welfare
- ✓ Mass balance/segregation including parallel ownership (PO)
- ✓ Water and soil management
- ✓ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Pest Control (IPC)
- ✓ Quality Management System (QMS)
- ✓ Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)
- ✓ Produce Handling, Packing and Storage

3. The following certification options are available:

- ✓ Option 1: Individual producer and multisite producer with QMS or without QMS
- ✓ Option 2: Producer group

4. Normative documents:

- ❖ GLOBALG.A.P. Sublicence and Certification Agreement: contract between the CB and the producer. Determines the legal framework for the granting of GLOBALG.A.P. certification.
- ❖ GLOBALG.A.P. License and Certification Agreement: contract between the CB and GLOBALG.A.P. c7o FoodPLUS GmbH
- GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulations: (with accompanying parts included, e.g. rules for producer groups and multisite producers with QMS, rules for certification body); map out the criteria for successful Control Points and Principles and Criteria (P&C) implementation as well as set guidelines for the verification and the regulation of the standard.
- GLOBALG.A.P. scope specific rules: defines how the certification process works for each specific scope.
- ❖ GLOBALG.A.P. Trademark use; Policy and guidelines
- Principles and Criteria (P&Cs): Document that sets the compliance requirements for producers depending on the product category.
- GLOBALG.A.P. Checklists (v6): available for scopes Plants and Aquaculture in two editions (IFA v6 Smart and IFA v6 GFS)

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National Interpretation guidelines (NIG) provide clarifications and adaptation of the P&C to the relevant country. Only available for countries where approved by the respective Technical Committees. These become obligatory for use as soon as they are approved and published.

- 5. Scoring system:
- ❖ The GLOBALG.A.P. **Principles and Criteria** are divided into three categories
 - ✓ Major Musts 100% compliance with all applicable Major Must P&Cs is compulsory.
 - Minor Musts with all applicable Minor Must P&Cs is compulsory (excluding not applicable control points).
 - ✓ Recommendations no minimum percentage of compliance is required, but all elements are evaluated during the certification/ audit.
- 6. The standard is based on a pass/fail system. Either the operator meets the above minimum criteria and CERES issues a certificate or not.Procedure summary:
 - ✓ CERES provides initial information and registration form.
 - ✓ Registration form is submitted.
 - Certification Contract and GLOBALG.A.P. Sublicense and Certification Agreement shall be signed by the operator.
 - ✓ An initial quotation is transferred to CERES.
 - ✓ The operator is registered by *CERES* in the GLOBALG.A.P. database no later than 28 calendar days.
 - ✓ Inspection assignment is issued.
 - ✓ The external /audit is planned, an audit plan is confirmed by the operator.
 - ✓ The /audit is carried out.
 - ✓ An in/audit report is written commenting compliances and non-compliances.
 - ✓ The /audit report is reviewed by CERES.
 - ✓ A final payment is made by the operator (incl. /auditor transport and accommodation costs).
 - ✓ CERES updates the GLOBALG.A.P. databases information.
 - ✓ A certification decision is taken within 28 days after closure of any outstanding non-conformances. If no non-conformances are detected during CB audit, CB shall make the decision no later than 28 days after the closing meeting of the CB audit..
 - ✓ The certificate will be sent to the operator and is valid for 12 months.

For further detailed information regarding the certification process, please see the *CERES* document "Steps to Follow for GLOBALG.A.P. Certification".

CERES is furthermore approved to carry out the following GLOBALG.A.P. Add-Ons:

- GRASP (Social rules). See: www.globalgap.org/grasp
- ❖ Tesco NURTURE. See: http://www.globalgap.org/uk en/for-producers/NURTURE-Module/
- FSMA PSR. See: https://www.globalgap.org/uk en/for-producers/globalg.a.p.-add-on/fsma/
- ❖ TR4 Biosecurity for Bananas. See: https://www.globalgap.org/uk_en/for-producers/globalg.a.p.-add-on/tr4-biosecurity/
- AH-DLLGROW:
 https://www.globalgap.org/uk_en/documents/#q=(grow)%20OR%20%22grow%22&fq=con_locales:(%22en%22)
- SPRING. See: https://www.globalgap.org/uk_en/for-producers/globalg.a.p.-add-on/spring/

Please be aware that this is only a selected summary of GLOBALG.A.P. requirements, meant as an introduction. The operator, of course, must learn and meet all relevant requirements of the standard.

For more information visit:



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