GLOBALG.A.P. - IFA

The GLOBALG.A.P. Certificate, also known as the **Integrated Farm Assurance Standard (IFA)**, covers all agriculture production. It also covers additional aspects of the food production and supply chain such as Chain of Custody.

Following the last revision in 2015, the Integrated Farm Assurance Certificate is now in its fifth version.

The **GLOBALG.A.P. IFA Standard V5** is built on a system of modules that enables producers to get certified for several sub-scopes in one audit. It consists of:

- **General Regulations:** These map out the criteria for successful CPCC implementation as well as set guidelines for the verification and the regulation of the standard.
- **Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCCs):** These clearly define the requirements for achieving the quality standard required by GLOBALG.A.P.

The **Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCCs)** are also modular-based consisting of:

- **The All Farm Base Module:** This is the foundation of all standards, and consists of all the requirements that all producers must first comply with to gain certification.
- **The Scope Module:** This defines clear criteria based on the different food production sectors. GLOBALG.A.P. covers 3 scopes: Crops, Livestock and Aquaculture.
- **The Sub-scope Module:** These CPCCs cover all the requirements for a particular product or different aspect of the food production and supply chain.

So to get certified, producers must comply with all the CPCCs relevant for their sub-scope. For example, a strawberry grower must comply with the All Farm Base CPCCs, the Crops Standard CPCCs and the Fruit & Vegetables CPCCs to receive a GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Standard Certificate.

GLOBALG.A.P. also provides **checklists** for each module to help producers better prepare their farms and make the necessary changes before a certification body inspector performs an audit or inspection.

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Certification Options:

Option 1 (Single producer with or without an optional Quality Management System)

Option 2 (Multiple producers with a mandatory Quality Management System)

OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS OF GLOBALGAP INSPECTIONS

The GLOBALGAP Protocol promotes the implementation of Good Agricultural Practice in the management of exploitation and production in accordance with the principles of sustainable agriculture.

This includes the principles of integrated pest control (IPM) and Integrated Crop Management (ICM).

MAIN ASPECTS OF THE GLOBALGAP PROTOCOL

1 . Traceability
2. Records and internal inspection
3. Varieties and rootstocks
4. History and Management of plot/field
5. Management of soil and substrates
6. Fertilizer use
7. Irrigation
8. Plants protection
9. Harvest
10. Post-harvest handling of products
11. Waste management and pollution, recycling and reuse
12. Health & Safety
13. Environmental issues
14. Complaints

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WHY CERTIFY WITH EUROCERT

EUROCERT is directly accredited by ESYD.

EUROCERT certificates are accepted and recognized by supermarket chains in European Market (Tesco, AH, Sainsburry's and Marks and Spencer etc).

EUROCERT offers the option of simultaneous inspection for more than one standards/protocols to reduce costs.

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Option 1:

- An individual producer requests GLOBALGAP certification
- Questionnaire and requirements GLOBALGAP V5
- Internal self-inspection producer

Option 2:

- A group of producers requests GLOBALGAP certification
- Producers Group Quality Manual
- Audit of at least a square root of the number of producers
- Quality Manual, central management of the group (Appendix A), questionnaire and requirements
- Producers Group Internal Audit & Internal producer's self-inspection

Relevant Docs:

Fill in the Certification Application

Application Annex producer members and sites register

Sublicense Agreement

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