






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



1. GLOBALG.A.P. ...

-  ...is a private sector body that sets voluntary standards for the certification of production processes of agricultural products around the globe.
-  ...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 production (PP) and 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

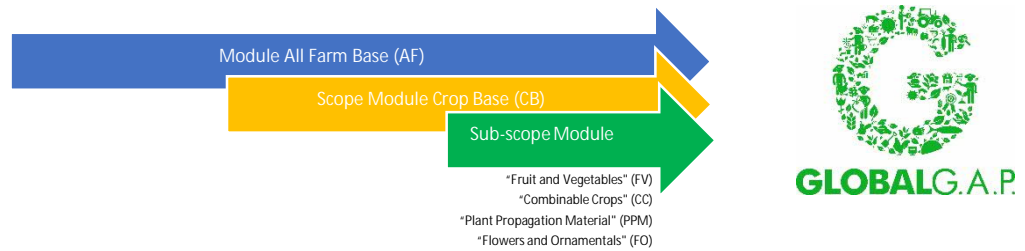
3. The following certification options are available:

- ✓ Option 1: Individual producer or multisite producer or multisite producer with QMS
- ✓ Option 2: Producer group

4. Normative documents:

- ❖ **GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulations:** map out the criteria for successful Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCC) implementation as well as set guidelines for the verification and the regulation of the standard.
- ❖ **GLOBALG.A.P. specific rules:** defines how the certification process works for each specific scope.
- ❖ **Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCCs):** Document that sets the compliance requirements for producers. NOTE: Annexes referenced in the CPCC are guidelines, unless a CPCC states that the annex or part of the annex is mandatory.
- ❖ **GLOBALG.A.P. Checklists** - The GLOBALG.A.P. IFA Standard is built on modular checklists that enables producers to get certified for several sub-scopes in one audit. It consists of:
 - ✓ The All Farm Base Module (AF): This is the foundation of all standards.
 - ✓ The Scope modules: covering more generic production issues, classified more broadly. CERES currently cover the scope "Crop Base" (CB)
 - ✓ The Sub-scope Module: covering more specific production details, classified per product type. CERES currently certifies the following sub-scopes: "Fruit and Vegetables - FV", "Combinable Crops CC" "Plant Propagation Material - PPM" as well as "Flowers and Ornamentals - FO"
- ❖ **National Interpretation guidelines (NIG)** provide clarifications and adaptation of the CPCC 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. **Control Points and Compliance Criteria** are divided into three categories
 - ✓ Major Musts - 100% compliance is compulsory.
 - ✓ Minor Musts - 95% compliance necessary (excluding not applicable control points).
 - ✓ Recommendations - no minimum percentage required, but all elements are evaluated during the certification inspection.
- ❖ The standard is based on a pass/fail system. Either the minimal criteria mention above is met by the operator and a certificate is awarded by CERES or not.

6. 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.
- ✓ Inspection assignment is issued.
- ✓ The external inspection is planned, an audit plan is confirmed by the operator.
- ✓ The inspection is carried out.
- ✓ An inspection report is written commenting compliances and non-compliances.
- ✓ The inspection report is reviewed by CERES.
- ✓ A final payment is made by the operator (incl. inspector transport and accommodation costs).
- ✓ CERES updates the GLOBALG.A.P. databases information.
- ✓ A certification decision is taken within 28 days after the inspection.
- ✓ 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:\(%22en%22\)](https://www.globalgap.org/uk_en/documents/#q=(grow)%20OR%20%22grow%22&fq=con_locales:(%22en%22))

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:

<http://www.globalgap.org>

<http://www.ceres-cert.com/portal/index.php?id=62&L=1>