

SUMMARY OF MODIFICATIONS V3.0 TO V3.1

Clause	General Regulations V3.0	Clause	General Regulations V3.1
1	WHAT IS A PRODUCER GROUP? A producer group is a group of producers (with their respective production locations) seeking ... to qualify for Option 2 certification.		Changed and Moved to 1.1. See below.
Annex III.1.	The following requirements are set for a producer group to be able to get certification for their products under Option 2 (or Option 4) in the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) General Regulations Part III, V3.0-Mar07	1.1	Producer Group and Legal Entity The following requirements are set for a producer group to be able to get certification for their products under Option 2 (or Option 4) in the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) General Regulations Part III, V3.1-Nov09 ;
Annex III.1 (i)	A producer group is a group of producers (and their respective production locations) seeking GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) certification.	1.1 (i)	A producer group is a group of producers (and their respective production locations) seeking GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) certification.
Annex III.1 (ii)	The structure of the group must enable the application of a Quality Management System (QMS) across the whole group. - <i>All producers and/or production sites that are registered with the group must adhere to a QMS that governs the production of the products to be certified.</i>	1.1 (ii)	The structure of the group must enable the application of a Quality Management System (QMS) across the whole group. - <i>All producers and/or production sites that are registered with the group must adhere to a QMS that governs the production of the products to be certified.</i>
Annex III.1 (iii)	The QMS must be robust and show that the group's registered members comply in a uniform manner with the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) standard requirements. - <i>The QMS must comply with all the requirements as set out in the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) GR, Part III and be self-controlled via the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) QMS Checklist to ensure completeness and efficiency.</i>	1.1 (iii)	The QMS must be robust and show that the group's registered members comply in a uniform manner with the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) standard requirements. - <i>The QMS must comply with all the requirements as set out in the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) GR, Part III and be self-controlled via the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) QMS Checklist to ensure completeness and efficiency.</i>

Annex III.1 (iv) The producer group registered members must be legally responsible for their respective production locations. – *All registered members must each be responsible for the production of their products... represent the group members and will therefore be the certificate holder (it contracts on behalf of the producer members).*

Annex III.1 (v) The entire production of a registered product must be certified. – *If a group registers for the certification of strawberries, all the producer members registered for GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) certification for strawberries and all their production areas covered with strawberries must be certified. ... these producer members will not be included for inspection).*

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Important: Only a legal entity that can be certified under Option 1 can join a group for Option 2 certification. If a group (Option 2) joins another Option 2 group, **the 2 quality management systems shall merge into one to be managed by one single legal entity that will be the certificate holder. A single legal entity cannot operate more than one QMS per crop per country.**

1.1

A producer group is **not** a multi-site operation where an individual or one organisation owns several production locations or “farms”, which in itself are NOT separate legal entities (See GR Part I, 5.1). This type of operation falls under Option 1 and every production location; farm or site must be inspected and covered under the scope of the certificate. **Only** if such an operation has a Quality Management System including internal annual inspections, and the QMS is included in the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) certification, can it be certified as Option 1, while following the Option 2 rules for random external sampling of sites (minimum square root) based on the criteria as described in GR Part I, 5.2 Option 2 and Part II, Appendix II.3 Rules for Evaluating Option 2 Producer Groups, 6.1.2.

***NOTE:** The entire crop of a registered product must be certified.*

e.g. A GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) producer that is part of a producer group certified for strawberries, must include all the production locations with strawberries for inspection and certification.

1.1.4 Producer Register
All these member producers in the producer register must be registered individually on the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) database according to the requirements of the General Regulations PART I; 4.8 Registration.

1.1.4 NOTE *Those producers of the legal entity who do not apply for GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) certification must be listed separately and will not be registered in the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) database ... All data protection rules shall be published and observed.*

1.2 (iv) Management and Organisation
Agricultural or livestock technical person/department – person(s) responsible for technical advice to the group.

1.2 NOTE *A group needs at least one internal auditor, who can cover the functions of internal group inspector and internal auditor (in case only one internal auditor who performs also the inspections, another person, identified in the QMS must approve the producer internal inspections; see Appendix III.2, 3.1.i and 3.4.2)*

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Agricultural/Livestock/**Aquaculture** technical person/department – person(s) responsible for technical advice to the group **(depending on the scope of the group).**

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1.4 (iv)	<p>Quality Manual The contents of the Quality Manual shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that it continues to meet the requirements ... into the Quality Manual within the time period given by GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP).</p>	1.5 (iv)	<p>Quality Manual The contents of the Quality Manual shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that it continues to meet the requirements ... into the Quality Manual within the time period given by GLOBALGAP.</p>
1.5.2 (iv)	<p>Quality Management System Document Control Requirements</p> <p>Any change in these documents shall be reviewed and approved ... changes should be identified.</p>	1.6.2 (iv)	<p>Quality Management System Document Control Requirements</p> <p>Any change in these documents shall be reviewed and approved ... changes shall be identified.</p>
1.8.2 (i)	<p>Producer and Production Location Inspections</p> <p>Inspections shall be carried out at each registered producer and production location at least once per year All Major and Minor Musts as well as Recommended control points must be inspected in full.</p>	1.9.2 (i)	<p>Producer and Production Location Inspections</p> <p>Inspections shall be carried out at each registered producer and production location at least once per year All Major and Minor Musts as well as Recommended control points must be inspected in full. See Part I, 5.2.2.</p>
1.8.2 (ii)	<p>There shall be a process for the review of the inspection reports and producer status.</p>		<p>Deleted</p>
1.8.2 (vi)	<p>The internal auditor (or audit team; see Appendix III.2) will make the decision on whether the producer is compliant with the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) requirements, based on the inspection reports presented by the internal inspector.</p>	1.9.2 (v)	<p>The internal auditor (or audit team; see Appendix III.2) shall review and make the decision on whether the producer is compliant with the GLOBALGAP (EUREPGAP) requirements, based on the inspection reports presented by the internal inspector.</p>
1.8.3 (ii)	<p>There shall be documented procedures for the identification and evaluation of non-compliances to the QMS by the group or by its members,.</p>	1.9.3 ((ii)	<p>There shall be documented procedures for the identification and evaluation of non-conformances and non-compliances to the QMS by the group or by its members, respectively.</p>
3.1 (i)	<p>Internal Producer Group Auditor</p> <p>Internal auditors will be able to audit the Quality Management</p>	1.13 (iv)	<p>Subcontractors Refer to Part I, 4.4.2 (xiii and xiv) on obligations of producers/groups.</p>
		2.1 (i)	<p>Internal Producer Group Auditor</p> <p>Internal auditors will be able to audit the Quality Management</p>

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2.1 NOTE *NOTE: Where the internal auditor does not have the necessary Food Safety and G.A.P. training (2.3.2 below), but only QMS training/experience, another person with these qualifications (and identified in the QMS) must form part of the “audit team” to do the approval of the farm inspections (key task 2.4.2)*

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