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1. INTRODUCTION

This document describes additional certification rules for any party seeking certification in accordance with the GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Standard.

These Aquaculture Rules shall be used in combination with the GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulations that define the certification rules that apply for all GLOBALG.A.P. Standards.

The term “shall” is used throughout this document to indicate those provisions which, reflecting the requirements of GLOBALG.A.P., are mandatory.

2. CERTIFICATION SCOPE

2.1 Aquaculture Scope

The Standards for GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture certified products apply to finfish, crustaceans and molluscs at all stages of their life cycle and to those species listed on the GLOBALG.A.P. approved product list.

At all stages, seedlings (ova and/or juveniles) shall originate from producers who are GLOBALG.A.P. registered / certified. Broodstock shall be obtained through an aquaculture-breeding program. If wild caught broodstock are used, they shall originate from a proven ecologically managed fishery. Passive collection of seedlings from the planktonic phase is allowed.

Aquaculture certification cannot be achieved for “wild fish/catch” that is not farmed.

Post-harvest handling of aquaculture products by the same legal entity shall also demonstrate compliance with the mass balance and traceability section of the Aquaculture Module in order for the farmer to achieve certification.

The scope of certification shall be clearly defined on the certificate, including the scientific name of the farmed species.

2.2 Modular Structure of GLOBALG.A.P. Standards

The Aquaculture IFA Standard is composed of a combination of the All Farm Base and Aquaculture Base modules. It is not possible to certify the Aquaculture scope without also verifying compliance with the All Farm Base.

Example:

- (i) Atlantic salmon shall be certified under the Aquaculture Base module, which automatically requires compliance with the All Farm Base module.

For more information on the structure and modular approach, please read the introductions to the Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCC) document.

3. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Producers shall register with the same CB for the Aquaculture inspection and for the GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practices (GRASP) assessment. Registration for GRASP shall follow the GRASP General Rules.

4. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

4.1 Inspection Timing

The registered aquaculture species shall be present on the farm at the time of the inspection. Following dates shall be recorded – see Aquaculture Base Module. Post harvest handling operations performed by the same legal entity as the farm shall also be inspected.

4.2 Inspection of Product Handling Units

Where a producer group or multisite company has more than one product handling facility, each facility shall be inspected while in operation (there is no sampling of product handling units).

4.3 Inspection Duration

- a) Sufficient time shall be allowed for an opening meeting with the farm management, a complete evaluation of all standard requirements, completion of the applicable checklist, and the presentation of the findings to the producer.
- b) The GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture inspection shall normally not take less than **75** hours on-site.
- c) The minimum of **75** hours duration shall typically apply to mollusc farms but may also apply to other small finfish and crustacean farms that have very simple or compact operations, a single species, no product handling, have less than 5 staff and are already certified. The **75** hours excludes reporting, preparation and travel (during the inspection/audit). Any other type of operation will require more than **75** hours on-site inspection time. These **75** hours also exclude the inspection duration of the GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practices – GRASP (compulsory from version 5 onwards for the Aquaculture scope).

5. PARALLEL PRODUCTION

Although the production of GLOBALG.A.P. and non-GLOBALG.A.P. fish on the same production site (parallel production) is not allowed for aquaculture, the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat may grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

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