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Consumers worldwide are increasingly demanding quality foods, produced safely and sustainably. Retailers around the world are rising to meet the challenge by demanding certification from their producers. But they face a tricky situation when working with emerging producers, who may not be able to achieve GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or the required end goal as set by the localg.a.p. program owner. And non-certified producers have difficulties accessing local and regional markets.

localg.a.p. is the stepping stone toward certification. A cost-effective solution for emerging markets, it helps producers gain gradual recognition by providing an entry level to certification. And it helps retailers gain access to quality foods, support their local and regional producers, and promote Good Agricultural Practice.

localg.a.p. offers producers and retailers two solutions:
Solution 1: Our Ready-to-Use solution, which offers a complete package that you can use right away.
Solution 2: A fully customized solution that gives GLOBALG.A.P. members the opportunity to initiate their own program.
Every localg.a.p. program needs a localg.a.p. program owner – that is, a company (e.g. a retailer, exporter, industry association, manufacturer, etc.) that demands localg.a.p. from its producers, who must then proceed toward GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or the required end goal as set by the localg.a.p. program owner via a stepwise approach.

Producers who have successfully implemented the localg.a.p. program will receive a letter of conformance (for the applicable level) and are assigned a localg.a.p. number or LGN. This unique 13-digit number identifies producers in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.

Program owners can monitor the progress of their localg.a.p. producers, by simply signing an agreement for observer status to gain access to the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.

The localg.a.p. program is available in two levels:

**The Foundation Level** covers all the basic food safety requirements and is ideal for producers who sell primarily on a local level and are starting the process toward certification. This is the lowest official level of the localg.a.p. program.

**The Intermediate Level** incorporates stronger food safety criteria, accepted by several national retailers. This is the highest localg.a.p. level just before GLOBALG.A.P. Certification.
GLOBALG.A.P. INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The intermediate level incorporates requirements for more evidence of food safety criteria.

FOUNDATION LEVEL

Trace your producers and monitor their assessment results in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database via the LGN (localg.a.p. Number).

A STEPWISE APPROACH TO ACHIEVE GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFICATION

Our ready-to-use solution consists of:

• A subset of the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard Control Points available in the two levels, Foundation and Intermediate level
• localg.a.p. Control Points and Compliance Criteria, as well as the Checklist
• localg.a.p. General Rules, with a Customization Checklist to specify the rules of a specific localg.a.p. program
• Access to the GLOBALG.A.P. Database

This cost-effective solution covers the baseline requirements for food safety and hygiene. Ideal for emerging growers and developing markets, and it offers an entry level to GLOBALG.A.P. Certification and helps producers gain access to new local and regional markets.

localg.a.p. NUMBER (LGN)

The localg.a.p. Number (LGN) is a 13-digit number that uniquely identifies each individual producer in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.

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FULLY CUSTOMIZED SOLUTION

Work with GLOBALG.A.P. to create your own set of control points, checklist and rules as well as your own verification levels, based on your requirements for food safety and hygiene.

BECOME A localg.a.p. PROGRAM OWNER

Buyers can also initiate their own localg.a.p. program to match their specific market needs. Develop a customized solution based on the full range of options and products that GLOBALG.A.P. has to offer. Use the localg.a.p. program to create your own set of control points and compliance criteria, checklists and program rules tailored to your requirements. Our product development team will work with you to develop the perfect program to meet your own requirements. Benefit from our 20 years of expertise as well as our database, trainers, experts and Farm Assurers!

Contact us today for assistance. Ignacio Antequera: antequera@globalgap.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL localg.a.p. PROGRAMS

Our extensive network of GLOBALG.A.P. Licensed Farm Assurers and certification bodies can also assist your producers in the implementation of both the localg.a.p. ready-to-use solution or your customized solution. See our website for a list of GLOBALG.A.P. Licensed Farm Assurers and certification bodies.

Learn more at www.farmassurer.org
The localg.a.p. Program Owner...

STEP 1: Becomes a GLOBALG.A.P. Member

STEP 2: Chooses between Ready-to-Use and Fully Customized solution

STEP 3: Signs localg.a.p. agreements with GLOBALG.A.P.

STEP 4: Defines its rules in the Customization Checklist

After which:

STEP 5: GLOBALG.A.P. sets-up the localg.a.p. program in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database

STEP 6: GLOBALG.A.P. loads the localg.a.p. program (with applicable documents) on the GLOBALG.A.P. Website

STEP 7: The program is now active and can be initiated!
5 STEPS TO THE localg.a.p. PROGRAM FOR PRODUCERS

STEP 1
Download the relevant documents and checklists from our website as listed under the specific localg.a.p. program or obtain it directly from the specific localg.a.p. Program Owner.

STEP 2
Carry out a self-assessment using the checklist and correct all the points you don’t comply with. Here a GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Assurer can provide you valuable assistance during your assessment preparations.

STEP 3
Find a full list of certification bodies and verification bodies approved for localg.a.p. assessments on our website.

STEP 4
Arrange an appointment with the certification body or verification body (as allowed by the specific localg.a.p. program owner). An inspector will then conduct the first on-site assessment.

STEP 5
Once you have successfully complied with the requirements, you will receive a Letter of Conformance for the applicable level of the localg.a.p. program.

Access the GLOBALG.A.P. documents at www.localgap.org
1. Source local and regional products that meet the minimum requirements for food safety and hygiene.

2. Ensure your sourcing by developing a network of reliable producers.

3. Benefit from GLOBALG.A.P.’s traceability system. All localg.a.p. producers are identified in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database with a unique 13-digit localg.a.p. number (LGN), which allows you to monitor your producers.

4. Access our GLOBALG.A.P. Database to review the localg.a.p. assessment checklists of your producers.

5. Profit from GLOBALG.A.P. training for your quality management team.

7. Work with your growers on a stepwise improvement plan for food safety and sustainability to improve the quality of your food supply.

8. Customize localg.a.p. to respond to new and changing market requirements and consumer demands.

9. Benefit from GLOBALG.A.P.’s unique world-class system including the Integrity Program, which assures certification reliability and high auditing performance.
1. Benefit from a stepwise improvement plan toward GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or the required end goal as set by the localg.a.p. program owner.

2. Improve your traceability and reassure your buyers using your LGN, your unique 13-digit localg.a.p. number that identifies you in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.

3. Cut your exposure to food safety risks.

4. Improve the efficiency of your farm management.

5. Comply with legislation on food safety and proper hygiene.


7. Benefit from our GLOBALG.A.P. Licensed Farm Assurers and certification bodies who can assist you in your implementation process.

8. It’s designed for you - retailers and producers worked together to create it.

9. All documents are accessible online, free of charge.
GLOBALG.A.P. PRODUCTS - BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

GLOBALG.A.P. Certification is the product of a transparent and independent standard development system that relies on the intensive consultation, contribution and collaboration of our technical committees, focus groups, members, national technical working groups, certification bodies and the industry.

THE FIRST STEP TOWARD SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

clocalg.a.p. is the stepping stone toward GLOBALG.A.P. Certification. It offers emerging producers entry-level recognition where GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or the required end goal as set by the localg.a.p. program owner is not immediately possible. By providing an achievable level of assurance and reliability, localg.a.p. helps producers gain access to new local and regional markets.

THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

GLOBALG.A.P. is the internationally recognized standard for farm production. By complying with a single harmonized global standard for safe and sustainable food production, producers can show their commitment to Good Agricultural Practices.

CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS FOR SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

GLOBALG.A.P. + Add-on is the innovative solution for all your specific certification needs. Enhance your GLOBALG.A.P. Standard with customized add-ons that raise your status as a producer and offer buyers specific assurances tailored to their interests and preferences.
GLOBALG.A.P. AT A GLANCE
The Most Widely Accepted Good Agricultural Practices Certification Worldwide

- More than 430 voluntary members form the GLOBALG.A.P. Community
- More than 188,000 certified producers in over 125 countries
- Capacity building for thousands of people on 5 continents and in 10 languages

A pioneering integrity system with independent assessments to monitor the performance of our certification bodies

A consumer label for seafood based on the GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Standard

GLOBALG.A.P. governed by an elected Board

- 3 main products with more than 40 standards and programs
- An extensive worldwide network of consultants to help producers with their certification process
- More than 2,000 inspectors and auditors working for 155 accredited certification bodies
- An online consumer portal for transparent farm verification and information

A harmonization program to benchmark schemes and checklists around the world

A secure online certification database to check producers and validate certificates

A consumer label for plants based on the GLOBALG.A.P. Flowers & Ornamentals Standard

Find out how GLOBALG.A.P. can add value to your business at www.globalgap.org