GLOBALG.A.P. PRODUCE SAFETY ASSURANCE STANDARD

Designed for specific regions where producers and their customers require only a food safety solution, the new Produce Safety Assurance Standard (PSA) V5 is a subset of the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Standard and consists of only the food safety elements.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Produce Safety Assurance Standard covers the certification of food safety elements throughout a product’s entire agricultural production process, from before the plant is in the ground (origin and propagation material control points) to the packaging.

THE PRODUCE SAFETY ASSURANCE STANDARD OFFERS SEVERAL BENEFITS TO PRODUCERS

1. It reduces food safety risks in primary production by encouraging the development and adoption of national and regional farm assurance schemes, with a clear risk-assessed reference standard based on HACCP (hazard analysis and critical control points) serving both the consumer and the food supply chain.

2. It increases integrity by defining and enforcing a common level of auditor competence, verification status, reporting, and harmonizing interpretation of compliance criteria.

In future, producers will have the opportunity to gradually reach the GLOBALG.A.P. IFA certification level by adding various modules.
MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRODUCE SAFETY ASSURANCE STANDARD AND THE IFA STANDARD

The food safety control points and compliance criteria that make up the Produce Safety Assurance Standard are essentially a subset of the IFA Standard. They cover only the food safety aspects of agricultural production. The Produce Safety Assurance Standard does not replace the IFA. However, it can serve as a starting point for gradually developing mechanisms and systems in place to eventually achieve IFA Certification.

**IFA Fruit & Vegetables Standard**  
Control Points: **221**

**Produce Safety Assurance Standard**  
Control Points: **141**

**Please note:** Producers must consult with their customers and assess their markets to find out whether the Produce Safety Assurance Standard is sufficient or if they require the IFA.

THE INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE STANDARD


The IFA covers Good Agricultural Practices for agriculture, aquaculture, livestock, and horticulture production. The standard was revised through an extensive stakeholder involvement and consultation, and IFA Version 5 was published in July 2015. Learn more at [www.globalgap.org/ifa](http://www.globalgap.org/ifa)

GFSI RECOGNIZED

The GLOBALG.A.P. IFA Fruit & Vegetables Standard is GFSI recognized for Scope B1: Farming of Plants and Scope D: Pre-Processing Handling of Plants.

The Produce Safety Assurance Standard, as a subset of the IFA, will also undergo the GFSI recognition process.

GLOBALG.A.P. ADD-ON SOLUTIONS

GLOBALG.A.P. offers a series of add-ons designed to enhance GLOBALG.A.P. Certification, which cover specific aspects of the agricultural production process and supply chain. These include GRASP – the GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment for Social Practice, Animal Welfare Add-ons for livestock producers, SPRING – the Sustainable Program for Irrigation and Groundwater Use, and The NON-GM / “Ohne GenTechnik” Add-on for Aquaculture and Livestock.

GLOBALG.A.P. + Add-on also offers members a program to develop a customized add-on solution based on the best certification development expertise that GLOBALG.A.P. has to offer. Learn more at [www.globalgap.org/addon](http://www.globalgap.org/addon)