SMART FARM
ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
Our vision for the future
With IFA v6 we are not just offering a revised checklist. We are hailing a new era of processes which will eventually connect all our products and services in a smarter, more intuitive, and simplified way.

As the landscape changes, we must ensure that our infrastructure evolves with it. The IFA v6 update is just the first step of a new journey towards digitalized, impact-driven farm assurance solutions.

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WHAT ARE FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS?

• The umbrella term refers to the GLOBALG.A.P.’s portfolio of products and services for the food and agribusiness supply chain sectors.

• GLOBALG.A.P. farm assurance products include our standards and add-ons: Customizable and flexible farm assurance for producers and supply chain stakeholders.

• Our services include IT systems, data sharing services, and training opportunities.

• Combined, our solutions promote the global adoption of safe, socially, and environmentally responsible farming practices.

• Now it is time for these solutions to enter a new, smarter era …
WHAT ARE SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS?
Our vision explained

GLOBALG.A.P. solutions have already made an impact – reaching over 200,000 producers! We are committed to future-proofing our assurance solutions to meet your future needs and fulfil our purpose.

Our solutions will become smarter by a process of:

- Streamlining what we already do
- Expanding our core topics and supplementary services
- Encouraging digitalization and the use of data within the sector
- Measuring our impact to drive continuous improvement at every level

… leading to stronger integrity in the whole GLOBALG.A.P. system.
SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
The benefit for all stakeholders

Smart, easy-to-use farm assurance solutions at your fingertips
SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
How do we get there?

THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS

Smarter standards and add-ons
New and improved products, beginning with IFA v6 and GRASP v2.0.

Smarter systems and services
Audit Online Hub and Validation Service linked to improve the integrity of GLOBALG.A.P. certificates.

Smarter approach to sustainability
Continuous improvement requirements and stronger environmental criteria in IFA v6, a new biodiversity add-on, and the Impact-Driven Approach expanded to other sectors.

Smarter integration of data
For conformance, transparency, and evaluation of the whole assurance system.
Starting with the launch of IFA v6 in April 2022, progressive deployments will bring our vision to life.
SMARTER STANDARDS AND ADD-ONS
Upgrading our portfolio of farm assurance products

- Move towards **outcome-oriented** and **impact-driven standards** as demonstrated in IFA v6.

- Gradual transition to a new certification experience for producers and certification bodies with **customized, risk-based checklists** for all standards and eventually with **integrated add-ons**.

- Beginning with **new and improved IFA v6 and GRASP v2.0**.
SMARTER SYSTEMS AND SERVICES
Upgrading the systems behind our farm assurance products

- Further roll out of Audit Online Hub, with the aim of 100% of audits to be collected by Audit Online Hub in IFA v6.

- Audit Online Hub will generate complete audit reports – a paperless, uniform design that producers can share with their customers.

- Connection between Audit Online Hub and Validation Service heightens the integrity of GLOBALG.A.P. certificates – certificates can only be generated if the data has been validated.

- Online certificates will be issued through Validation Service – a paperless, uniform design.
SMARTER APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY
Farm assurance which is fit for the future

• Mandatory **continuous improvement plans** at producer level in IFA v6.

• **New and updated sustainability criteria** in IFA v6 on topics such as plastics, waste, carbon neutrality, deforestation, and animal welfare.

• **Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability** add-on will become available for aquaculture and fruit and vegetables in addition to flowers and ornamentals.

• Dedicated **biodiversity** add-on.
Producers who opt into the Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability add-on will be able to demonstrate compliance using data. This can reduce audit time.

Data will build up gradually to create a picture of the whole assurance system and demonstrate the positive impact of GLOBALG.A.P. solutions on the whole industry.

We are looking into opportunities for the use of certification and audit data insights for the supply chain.
IFA V6 AND THE NEW ERA OF SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
How will it impact you?
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Streamlined, risk-based checklists
Outcome-oriented approach

Digital, data-driven certification
Certificates issued at scope level

Flexibility with choice of two editions
Higher level of integrity behind GLOBALG.A.P. certificates

Stronger focus on sustainability and animal welfare
Continuous improvement plan
IFA V6 AND SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
Benefits for producers

- **Streamlined, risk-based checklists**
  Removal of irrelevant and duplicated principles and criteria reduces audit burden. Simpler, more efficient, and customized for the producer – reduced audit time.

- **Transition from a prescriptive to an outcome-oriented approach**
  Focus on outcomes over measures means flexibility in demonstrating compliance. Enhanced standards and sustainability criteria are more attractive to buyers.

- **Introduction of a continuous improvement plan**
  Aids identification of target areas to improve by analyzing practices. Improves farming practices holistically and reduces environmental impact.

- **Choose the IFA v6 edition that best suits your needs**
  Two parallel editions with the option of GFSI recognition for producers who require it.
IFA V6 AND SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
Benefits for supply chain stakeholders

• **Stronger focus on sustainability issues**
  New and updated criteria on topics such as plastics, waste, carbon neutrality, etc. Reduced environmental impact increasingly important to consumers.

• **Stronger animal welfare criteria**
  Stricter humane slaughter practices.
  Prohibition of eye ablation of shrimp females for reproduction by 2024.
  Introduction of environmental enrichment concept.

• **Simplified benchmarking for clarity in the market**
  Only equivalent approved modified checklists or benchmarked schemes.
  Removal of “resembling” option.

• **Better integrity**
  Uniform certificates are generated in a closed system and validated online.
  You can be surer than ever that a GLOBALG.A.P. certificate is legitimate.
IFA V6 AND SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS
Benefits for certification bodies

• A more digital, data-driven certification experience
  Use of Audit Online Hub to upload audit data and generate reports.
  Electronically issued certificates through Validation Service.
  Reduced audit time and environmental impact from less paper use.

• Certificates issued at scope level
  Streamlined process with listed product categories rather than multiple certificates.
  Stronger integrity of certificates through Validation Service.

• Easier accreditation and auditor qualification
  Expanded initial training and exam without product category limitation later.
  Removal of minimum number of audits per product category (product categories are merged into scopes).
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SMART SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FARM ASSURANCE NEEDS

WE’RE READY. ARE YOU?