



GLOBALG.A.P.

TURN YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE ETHICAL CHARTER INTO ACTION WITH GRASP

GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice (GRASP) is a voluntary Add-on to the Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard designed to assess social practices on the farm. **The Ethical Charter on Responsible Labor Practices**, adopted by the PMA and UFPA, contains guiding principles and values intended to set a neutral reference framework for responsible labor practices.

Coverage of the Principles

All the principles of the Ethical Charter except one are included in IFA + GRASP. Only ethical recruitment is not specifically addressed, although it can be covered within the National Interpretation Guidelines.

Shared approach

As with the Ethical Charter, GRASP is a no pass/fail system. They are both designed to provide information transparency to the market actors to aid decision making, while honoring the farmers to create solutions that minimize risk.

Greatest risk prioritized

GRASP can be used to identify which aspects of the Ethical Charter require more attention by the industry. When multiple farms in one industry are assessed to GRASP, market actors can determine statistically where the risk is more evident, allowing them to direct attention and resources to those priorities.

Food safety alignment

GLOBALG.A.P. offers a single system to assure GFSI level food safety criteria along with the Ethical Charter principles in one auditing process. IFA + GRASP allows users to identify labor issues from a food safety perspective.

Audit costs reduced

GRASP assessment can be done during the IFA audit by the same qualified auditor, saving both time and money.

Enhanced credibility

GRASP is assessed by qualified and trained auditors knowledgeable in food safety. Third party assessment bodies operate with the oversight of GLOBALG.A.P.'s worldwide integrity program which controls the quality and duration of the assessment to guarantee transparency and homogeneity in the criteria application.

Transparency in the supply chain

GRASP reports are available to market actors through the GLOBALG.A.P. database.

Understanding the supply chain

Because of its nature to evaluate risk and not compliance, GRASP provides an opportunity for producers to explain a compliance situation in the context of their reality. Those explanations can be shared through the database.

Accepted by retailers

GRASP is already broadly adopted by European retailers who can access the GRASP reports and assessments covering more than 70,000 producers worldwide and make more informed decisions to improve the social performance within their supply chains. Many participate in continuous improvement.

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