INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE (IFA)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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Food safety and traceability has long been a priority for both consumers and supply chain stakeholders.

The increasing interaction between the environment and agriculture means producers are facing growing pressure to fulfil sustainable farming requirements.

Workers’ well-being is in the spotlight and essential for socially responsible production, addressing key social and economic issues such as labor exploitation.
• The agriculture industry is continuously evolving to address consumer demands in areas such as biodiversity, responsible water management, and chemical use.

• Buyers are seeking a growing range of assurances about responsible practices, and producers are met with an increasing number of audits to satisfy them.

• Standards guide producers, and their achievements in responsible farming are validated through transparent and globally recognized certification.
The GLOBALG.A.P. Solution
Integrated Farm Assurance for fruit and vegetables (FV)

- A **global standard for good agricultural practices** at primary production level, covering preharvest activities such as soil management and plant protection product application to basic postharvest handling.

- Takes a **holistic approach** to food safety, biodiversity and environmental sustainability, and compliance with workers’ health, safety, and welfare requirements.

- Provides clarity on market requirements and acts as a **practical manual for on-farm activities**. Producers can assess, improve, and demonstrate their responsible farming practices.

- GLOBALG.A.P. has **over 20 years of experience** in standard setting.
• Repeatedly achieved GFSI recognition for Farming of Plants (BI) and Pre-Process Handling of Plant Products (BIII)
• Supports the United Nations Global Compact Food and Agribusiness Principles
• Contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including:
  • Goal #3: Good health and well-being
  • Goal #8: Decent work and economic growth
  • Goal #12: Responsible consumption and production
  • Goal #15: Life on land
  • Goal #17: Partnerships for the goals
• IFA compliance is **audited annually** by accredited and independent third-party certification bodies (CBs).

• A successful CB audit results in a **certificate valid for one year**.

• Certification options for both **individual producers** and **producer groups**.

• Certification status is visible in the **GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems** for transparency in the supply chain.

• The **GLOBALG.A.P. Integrity Program** ensures consistent delivery and implementation of the standard worldwide.
GLOBALG.A.P. standards are developed by the industry, for the industry.

To develop IFA v6 FV, three public consultation periods took place over two years. All stakeholders from the industry were invited to participate and give feedback.

There were 79 virtual World Consultation Tour meetings on FV topics.

We received over 2,300 comments on the IFA v6 FV documents.

The revised standard addresses the needs and demands of the market.
Industry experts want a more flexible, risk-based IFA which is fit for purpose. Some stakeholders continue to require a GFSI recognized standard.

To reconcile these demands, IFA FV is available in two editions: v6 Smart and v6 GFS. Customer requirements determine the edition that a producer will implement.

Less than 15% of the principles and criteria in the GFS and Smart editions differ from each other. There are also some differences in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. The biggest difference is the ways in which producers can demonstrate compliance with the principles. V6 Smart offers more flexibility for producers.
Two parallel IFA FV editions for v6

**IFA v6 Smart**

- Flagship edition: By stakeholders, for stakeholders
- Producers’ first choice
- Outcome-oriented, customized checklists with more flexible ways to demonstrate compliance
- Accepted for BRC and IFS certified post-farm gate product handling facilities
STANDARD CONTENT
Two parallel IFA FV editions for v6

IFA v6 GFS
For producers who require GFSI recognition

Checklists and rules are determined by GFSI requirements – less risk-based than Smart edition

Accepted for BRC and IFS certified post-farm gate product handling facilities
IFA V6 FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Key topics

IFA FV takes a holistic approach to responsible farming through **five key topics**:

- **Food Safety**
- **Production Processes**
- **Environmental Sustainability**
- **Workers’ Well-Being**
- **Legal, Management, Traceability**
Principles and criteria

Principles

- Fundamentals that set the foundation of a GLOBALG.A.P. requirement
- Written in statement form
- Describe the outcome to achieve

Criteria

- Methods that producers can use to demonstrate a principle to be true
- Compliance can be evidenced in different ways, e.g., through data, proof of procedure, a record, etc.
Simplified, streamlined, and customized checklists

190 principles (191 for GFS edition) with corresponding criteria to fulfil

Principles are graded as Major Musts, Minor Musts, or Recommendations

To pass a CB audit, producers must comply with 100% of the Major Musts and at least 95% of the Minor Musts.

Corrective actions must be proposed for all non-compliances and submitted to the CB within 28 days. Non-compliances must be verified as corrected and compliant before a certificate is issued.
STANDARD CONTENT
Principles and criteria

- Food safety: 43 (44 in GFS edition)
- Workers' well-being: 22
- Production processes: 33
- Legal, management, and traceability: 23
- Environmental sustainability: 69

Category level | Principles
---|---
Major Must | 103 (Smart edition) 118 (GFS edition)
Minor Must | 67 (Smart edition) 53 (GFS edition)
Recommendation | 20
TOTAL | 190 (Smart edition) 191 (GFS edition)
IFA FV covers the entire primary production process. Principles and criteria include topics such as:

- Food safety
- Biodiversity and habitats
- Waste management
- Water management
- Management and traceability
- Energy efficiency
- Fertilizers and biostimulants
- Integrated pest management
- Plant protection products
- Workers' health, safety, and welfare
- Hygiene
- Traceability
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<td>Management</td>
<td>Continuous integration of site-specific knowledge and practical experience</td>
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<td>Traceability</td>
<td>Reconcile products with the implemented practices and distinguish certified from noncertified products*</td>
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<td>Workers’ health, safety, and welfare</td>
<td>Ensure safe working conditions and competence developed through training</td>
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<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Enhance biodiversity on the farm to benefit from ecological services</td>
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<td>Hygiene and food safety</td>
<td>Mitigate risks associated with primary production processes</td>
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<td>Fertilizers and biostimulants</td>
<td>Protect soil and promote efficient plant nutrition in a way that minimizes negative environmental impact</td>
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<td>Water management</td>
<td>Promote the efficient use and protection of water sources</td>
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<td>Integrated pest management</td>
<td>Protect the crop while minimizing the risk of toxicity</td>
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<td>Plant protection products</td>
<td>Complement plant protection through the proper and safe use of authorized products</td>
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<td>Waste management</td>
<td>Avoid pollution, ensure that waste is disposed of properly, and that recycling practices are in place</td>
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<td>Energy efficiency</td>
<td>Optimize energy use, minimize nonrenewables and greenhouse gas emissions</td>
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* The term “certified products” refers to products originating from a farm with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes.
### Principle and Criteria Example (v6 Smart)

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<th>Criteria</th>
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<td>There is evidence that the provided personal protective equipment (PPE) is used by the workers.</td>
<td>There shall be evidence that the provided PPE is being used. If single-use PPE is used, the supply maintained on hand shall correspond to the needs of the workers, or records demonstrating that new PPE is promptly sourced and restocked shall be available.</td>
<td>Minor Must</td>
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NEW IN IFA V6

Food safety

- There is evidence that a continuous improvement plan is implemented.
- Treated water used during harvest or postharvest is monitored appropriately.
Biodiversity is managed and supported with metrics to enable its protection and enhancement.

Natural or seminatural ecosystems and habitats have not been converted into agricultural area as of 2014. If converted between 2008–2013 they must be restored.

Plastics are managed in a responsible way.

There is an integrated pest management plan describing the measures used at farm level to manage the relevant pests, diseases, or weeds that affect the registered crop(s).

All biostimulants are stored in a manner that reduces environmental contamination.
Management of fertilizers, water, energy, and plant protection products is supported with metrics.

Food waste is prevented and managed.

The farm enables the formation of organic carbon in soils and in biomass.

The producer recognizes the farm as an agricultural ecosystem that interacts with neighboring landscapes.

The farm’s contribution to reducing and removing greenhouse gas from the atmosphere is supported with metrics.
NEW IN IFA V6
Workers’ well-being

• There is evidence that the provided **personal protective equipment** (PPE) is used by the workers.

• **Workers are informed of their rights** related to the standard and there is a grievance mechanism available and implemented through which workers can file concerns in a confidential way and without fear of retaliation.
Producers are required to implement a plan to analyze current practices.

1. Producer analyzes current practices using real data
2. Reporting is used to identify areas that can be improved
3. Producer sets measurable goals for improvement
4. New measures are implemented in farming practices
5. Implementation is checked and progress reviewed at annual CB audit
6. The continuous improvement plan is revised based on progress
Continuous improvement – an example for fruit and vegetable production

- **PLAN**: The producer documents strategies and measures on how the farm can protect and enhance biodiversity. This document is called a biodiversity plan.
- **DO**: The producer considers their individual on-farm situation and implements appropriate measures, e.g., to enhance biotope corridors (creating buffer zones), enable soil health, reduce invasive alien species, or conserve native animal or bird species.
- **CHECK**: Ongoing monitoring of the biodiversity plan enables the producer to verify whether a strategy has been successfully implemented on the farm.
- **ACT**: The measures are adjusted based on the results of ongoing monitoring.

The producer is also able to register improvements which are already happening, but which have not been registered before.
ELIGIBILITY

- Covers **hundreds of products**
- Covers **all types of production systems**, e.g., hydroponics and covered or noncovered production area
- Get certified in **any country** where a GLOBALG.A.P. approved CB is willing to conduct an audit
- **Smallholders and large-scale producers** – certification options for every size and type of farm

IFA is a building block – adapt and upgrade your assurance with other GLOBALG.A.P. farm assurance solutions.
Combine add-ons and assurance as required. For example:
GLOBALG.A.P. STANDARDS AND ADD-ONS
A portfolio of solutions for fruit and vegetables

**BioDiversity (v1)**
A farm-level add-on to evaluate agricultural practices to a checklist of specific biodiversity requirements for conventional fruit and vegetables farms.

**GRASP add-on (v2):**
**GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice**
A farm-level social management tool for global agricultural supply chains. It covers four major topics: Workers' voice, human and labor rights information, human and labor rights indicators, and child and young worker protection.
GLOBALG.A.P. STANDARDS AND ADD-ONS
A portfolio of solutions for fruit and vegetables

**FSMA PSR**
Designed to support producers in addressing control points found in the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule. An add-on for those who grow fruit and vegetables in the USA or supply to the USA.

**SPRING (v1.1)**
A farm-level add-on to assess sustainable water management. Assessment criteria include: The monitoring of water consumption, impact of producers on sustainable watershed management, protection of water sources, and measures to demonstrate continuous improvement of water management.
GLOBALG.A.P. STANDARDS AND ADD-ONS
A portfolio of solutions for fruit and vegetables

TR4 Biosecurity Add-on for Bananas (v1)
A risk mitigation plan to prevent the introduction and/or further spreading of the TR4 pathogen to, within, and from farms with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes.

CoC (v6): Chain of Custody
The Chain of Custody standard safeguards the GLOBALG.A.P. claim up to the point of sale for the end consumer. It ensures that any product sold as originating from a GLOBALG.A.P. certified production process is actually sourced from certified production, and specifies strict requirements for the handling and segregation of these products, thereby providing transparency in the supply chain and ensuring product integrity.
The **GGN label** is a cross-category, consumer-facing label based on a set of GLOBALG.A.P. certification standards. It stands for certified, responsible farming and transparency. The GGN label offers consistent, consumer-relevant assurance and orientation throughout the store.

**How it works**

- **Unique number for each business (GGN or CoC Number)**
- **Discover the companies behind the label at www.ggn.org.**
- **View farm/business profiles with detailed information**
GGN LABEL
GGN label requirements for fruit and vegetables

- IFA FV certificate at farm level
- Monitoring of maximum residue limits by a GLOBALG.A.P. recognized residue monitoring system
- Full compliance with the GRASP add-on at farm level
- CoC certification for supply chain members
- GGN label license
ADDING VALUE TO YOUR BUSINESS
BENEFITS OF IFA FV CERTIFICATION

Producers

- **Improve efficiency** of farm management and operations
- Fulfil international supply chain requirements and **access global markets**
- **Demonstrate your commitment** to responsible farming
- **Open the door** to a range of supply chain solutions, including targeted add-ons and the GGN label
- Enjoy a standard **tried, tested, and trusted** by producers in over 130 countries
- **Choose from 135 accredited CBs** around the world
BENEFITS OF IFA FV CERTIFICATION
Supply chain

• Mitigate **food safety** and **reputational risks**
• Support an **industry-driven** solution – by stakeholders, for stakeholders
• Benefit from a **transparent public database**
• **Demonstrate your commitment** to sourcing sustainable and responsibly farmed products
Certification status is visible in the **GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems**. Additional audit information may be visible depending on data access rights.

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**Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA)**

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<th>Scheme</th>
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<th>Audit Information</th>
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**Product**

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<th>Status</th>
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**Attributes current cycle**

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<th>Parallel Ownership (PO)?</th>
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<td>No, annual announced inspection</td>
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The first program of its kind in food certification, active since 2008
- Designed to ensure consistent implementation of the standards globally
- Promotes trust and transparency throughout the GLOBALG.A.P. system
Harmonizing the requirements of different schemes and checklists cuts duplication and takes the complexity out of certification.

There are two types of benchmarking for IFA FV:

**Benchmarked schemes** – certification schemes using their own scheme management rules and G.A.P. requirements that are recognized as equivalent to the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations and the product-specific principles and criteria respectively.

**Approved modified checklists** (AMC, also known as benchmarked checklists) – Certification systems or standards using the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations as scheme management rules and their own G.A.P. requirements that are recognized as fully conforming with the GLOBALG.A.P. requirements.
GLOBALG.A.P. certificates are issued by **accredited third-party CBs**. They are approved by, but independent from, GLOBALG.A.P.

- CBs conduct the farm audits to GLOBALG.A.P. standards.
- Producers have the freedom to choose which CB they use.
- CBs update our global online database.
- CBs can only be accredited by **accreditation bodies** that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with GLOBALG.A.P.

All GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs are **listed online**. CBs may have branch offices in your area even if they are headquartered elsewhere.
REGISTERED TRAINERS
A helping hand for the certification process

Registered Trainers are:

• Farming experts
• Trained by GLOBALG.A.P.
• Authorized to provide trainings on GLOBALG.A.P. standards and add-ons
• Able to support you on your journey to achieving GLOBALG.A.P. certification

Find Registered Trainers using our “Find a Registered Trainer” tool. You can recognize them by their green seal.
Over 200,000 producers in 132 countries under GLOBALG.A.P. certification

Over 4 million ha of covered and noncovered crops certified worldwide
IFA v6 contains **three cost elements**. Note: Each farm is unique, and the final costs depend on a combination of factors (size, location, existing policies and processes, etc.)

1. **Implementation costs**: Incurred by the producer to prepare for the CB audit

2. **CB service fees**: Determined by the CB to cover audit time and travel costs

3. **System participation fee**: See table
### SYSTEM PARTICIPATION FEE

**IFA v6 Smart**

Applicable to all countries except the USA and Canada.

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### SYSTEM PARTICIPATION FEE

**IFA v6 GFS**

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FIVE STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

1. Download the documents from the GLOBALG.A.P. website
   GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations and the IFA principles and criteria for fruit and vegetables

2. Implement the standard requirements and perform a self-assessment
   Registered Trainers can provide assistance during audit preparations

3. Contact a GLOBALG.A.P. approved CB and request an audit
   Search the full list of approved CBs by region, country, scope, and status

4. CB performs on-site audit and uploads results to Audit Online Hub
   All non-compliances must be corrected within 28 days and verified by the CB

5. Receive a GLOBALG.A.P. IFA certificate for the relevant scope
   Certification status is visible in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems
GLOBALG.A.P. AT A GLANCE

530+ voluntary members from the GLOBALG.A.P. Community

206,000+ certified producers in 130+ countries

GLOBALG.A.P. Academy training for 2000+ participants on 5 continents in 15+ languages

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

A consumer label making certified, responsible farming visible

GLOBALG.A.P. governed by an elected Advisory Board

3 main products with 40+ standards and programs

An extensive worldwide network of consultants to help producers with their certification process

2,000+ inspectors and auditors working for 170+ approved certification bodies

An online consumer portal for transparent farm verification and information with 600+ farm profiles

1,000+ international experts active in Technical Committees, National Technical Working Groups and Focus Groups

700+ products available for certification

A harmonization program to benchmark schemes and checklists around the world

A secure online certification database to check producers and validate certificates

Impact Driven Approach to sustainability
TIMELINE AND UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS
WHAT IS THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM IFA V5 to V6 (FV)

22 January 2022
IFA v5.4-1-GFS replaces v5.3-GFS

26 April 2022
Publication of IFA v6 interim version

May 2022
CB training

September 2022
Publication of IFA v6 final version*

1 January 2024
IFA v6 Smart becomes obligatory. IFA v6 GFS becomes obligatory if GFSI recognition has already been achieved – otherwise it becomes obligatory three months after GFSI recognition has been achieved.

31 December 2023

31 December 2024

IFA v5.2 audits possible (non GFSI recognized)

IFA v5.4-1-GFS audits possible** (FV, AQ)

Last certificates valid until Dec 2024 at the latest

IFA v6 audits possible

Last certificates valid until Dec 2024 at the latest**

*IHA v6 final version will be published in English in September 2022. All other languages will follow by the end of 2022.

**V5.4-1-GFS remains valid until three months after IFA v6 GFS receives GFSI recognition. The exact date for this is still unknown.
### UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS: 2022

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<td><strong>V5.4-1-GFS becomes obligatory and replaces v5.3-GFS. V5.2 is still valid.</strong></td>
<td>V5.4-1-GFS replaces v5.3-GFS as the valid version for GFSI recognition. No further v5.3-GFS audits shall take place; any existing v.5.3-GFS certificates remain valid for their full cycle. IFA v5.2 audits and certificates are still available for producers not requiring GFSI recognition.</td>
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<td>26 Apr 2022</td>
<td><strong>Publication of interim version of IFA v6 documents in English.</strong></td>
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