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Farming in the supermarket: First indoor farming company certified according to GLOBALG.A.P.

Berlin, 10.02.2017 – World première for urban farming: SGS, the independent institute for testing has certified the first indoor farming company according to the quality standard GLOBALG.A.P. The Berlin-based company INFARM, designs and installs vertical farms in strategic centers of consumption, including directly inside supermarkets. Each farm grows an assortment of herbs, leafy greens and salads, which are supplied with light, nutrients and water inside the contained growing environment. The plants are cultivated and then harvested directly where consumers buy food: inside the store. The first "in-store farms" are in operation in METRO Cash & Carry, Berlin and Makro, Antwerp.

SGS certification is an important step for the developers. It confirms that the indoor farms are operated according to good agricultural practices and are monitored by an independent control body. Many supermarkets require a valid GLOBALG.A.P. certificate from their suppliers in agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture before they can add their products to the assortment. At this year's Fruit Logistica in Berlin, SGS inspectors officially presented the certificate to INFARM, the operating company.

An exceptional test job

"Usually vegetable farms or orchards are audited according to GLOBALG.A.P. So first of all, we had to adapt the test criteria for the in-store farm", says Betina Jahn from SGS, the certification company. "Our experts worked together with the standard authority, FoodPLUS. The result is a reliable test procedure, which can also be applied to vertical farming companies in future."

About the SGS Group Germany

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. SGS is recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 90,000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 2,000 offices and laboratories around the world. SGS has been operating in Germany since 1920. At 40 offices nationwide, about 3,000 employees provide inspection, testing and verification services for all stages of the value chain to ensure more safety, more efficiency and more quality.

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