



# PRESS RELEASE

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## INTRODUCING THE NEW GLOBALG.A.P. NON-GM ADD-ON FOR THE AQUACULTURE AND LIVESTOCK SECTOR

**GLOBALG.A.P. has developed a set of modules for a NON-GM Add-on that enables GLOBALG.A.P. certified compound feed producers, livestock and aquaculture producers, and processors to apply for a label on their products with the German standardized VLOG “Ohne GenTechnik” seal.**

Brussels/Cologne 25 April 2018. Due to rising concerns regarding sufficient transparency of genetically modified foods for consumers, the German government has issued a national regulation for the labeling of NON-GM food and developed a label for such products. It is licensed exclusively to the German association VLOG e.V., the industry association for food produced without genetic engineering.

In close collaboration with VLOG representatives, GLOBALG.A.P. has developed a set of modules for a NON-GM Add-on that enables GLOBALG.A.P. certified compound feed producers, livestock and aquaculture producers, and processors to comply with VLOG certification requirements. They may apply for the VLOG seal “VLOG geprüft/VLOG verified” (for feed) or “Ohne GenTechnik/NO-GMO” (for food) to be used on their products. Like all GLOBALG.A.P. Add-on products, the NON-GM Add-on is designed to simplify assessments and avoid duplication and redundancies.

## THE GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD INITIATIVE RECOGNIZES THE GLOBALG.A.P. AQUACULTURE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

On 20 April, 2018 the GSSI Steering Board announced its recognition of the GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Certification System.

„We are very pleased to receive this formal recognition by GSSI that the GLOBALG.A.P. Standard for aquaculture meets industry-wide sustainability requirements,” said Kristian Moeller, CEO GLOBALG.A.P. „This complements our food safety benchmark with GFSI, hereby offering single certification for farmers to meet global consumer expectations. I also want to thank DELHAIZE BELGIUM for their support and sponsorship in this process.“

Learn more on the GSSI website <https://bit.ly/2HCAUFe>

## FRESH - THE ONLY GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFIED CLOSED RECIRCULATION MARINE SEA FISH FARM IN THE WORLD

As of 12 April 2018, FRESH Voelklingen GmbH has incorporated all of its three marine species into GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture certification: European Seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), Gilthead Seabream (*Sparus aurata*), and Yellowtail Kingfish/Hiramasa Kingfish (*Seriola lalandi*). FRESH is currently the only GLOBALG.A.P. certified closed recirculation marine sea fish farm in the world.

"We are delighted to be the world's only closed recirculation sea fish farm certified by GLOBALG.A.P. providing a portfolio of premium marine fish raised independently of the sea. In fact, FRESH is now the only GLOBALG.A.P. certified supplier of Hiramasa Kingfish (*Seriola lalandi*) worldwide. This impressively confirms that fresh and low-impact seafood is no longer a distant vision, but an everyday good and safe choice for responsible consumers of fresh fish around the world", says Peter Zeller, CEO of Swiss-based FRESH Corporation.

### **The GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Standard**

**Compound Feed:** Aquaculture producers are required to source the compound feed used at the aquatic farming and hatchery levels from reliable suppliers. Learn more about the GLOBALG.A.P. Standard for Compound Feed Manufacturers.

**Aquaculture Hatcheries and Farms:** The GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Standard applies to a diversity of fish, crustaceans and molluscs and extends to all hatchery-based farmed species, as well as the passive collection of seedlings in the planktonic phase. It covers the entire production chain, from broodstock, seedlings and feed suppliers to farming, harvesting and processing.

**Chain of Custody:** The GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody Standard gives aquaculture producers a high level of transparency and integrity by identifying the status of your product throughout the entire production and supply chain, from farm to retailer. For added value, read more about the GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody Standard [here](#).

- Currently 2 + Million Metric Tons GLOBALG.A.P. Certified aquaculture worldwide
- 453 producers under certification in 29 countries.
- Chain of Custody Certification in 21 countries.
- 37 species (incl. molluscs and crusteans) certified by 15 accredited Certification Bodies (CBs).
- Aquafeed certification in 30 countries.

Learn more about the GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Standard at [www.globalgap.org/aquaculture](http://www.globalgap.org/aquaculture)

## **GGN.org - THE CONSUMER LABEL FOR CERTIFIED AQUACULTURE AVAILABLE IN 7 COUNTRIES**

Aquaculture products that come from GLOBALG.A.P. certified farms can be labeled with the new GGN consumer label, which works with the GGN – the GLOBALG.A.P. Number, a 13-digit identification number that identifies all the certified participants in the production and supply chain. More than 53 aquaculture products are now available with the GGN Label. They are connected with 61 farm profiles and supplied by 26 GGN licensees from 7 countries.

Using the GGN printed on the product packaging, consumers can learn more about the farms that have produced the GLOBALG.A.P. certified products at [www.ggn.org](http://www.ggn.org) – the online portal for certified aquaculture. The website also explains what good aquaculture practices are and how the certified farms implement them. This direct line between the consumer and the original producer forms the basis of a chain of trust in food production.

Learn more at [www.ggn.org](http://www.ggn.org)

## **EXPLORING STANDARDS FOR INSECTS**

Our retail members - e.g. the Metro group - have asked us to explore how GLOBALG.A.P. standards can be adapted to address food safety and sustainability for the production of insects: as feed, as food or as live animals. GLOBALG.A.P. is uniquely positioned to address all three aspects, as we cover the possible scopes in addition to aquaculture: feed processing, livestock production and fruit and vegetable production, in particular in greenhouses.

## **About GLOBALG.A.P.**

GLOBALG.A.P. is a leading global certification program whose mission is to bring farmers and retailers together to produce and market safe food to protect scarce resources and build a sustainable future.

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