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## **GLOBALG.A.P. Meets Food Manufacturing Industry's Sustainable Farming Mark**

### **SAI Platform recognizes GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Standard for FSA Silver**

GLOBALG.A.P. is happy to announce that GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) gets "FSA Silver equivalency level" by SAI Platform for all its IFA certificates issued 13 EU countries, USA and three Canadian provinces.

For those producers outside this region, and those that wish to receive the higher FSA Gold equivalency level, GLOBALG.A.P. has developed a Farm Sustainability Assessment (GGFSA) Add-on – a joint product with the SAI Platform. The GGFSA add-on enables GG certified farmers to make FSA claims in a simple manner and without having to undergo two different audits - higher efficiency and simplicity for them!

The GGFSA add-on consists of "only" 20 questions; these questions embrace the content which the FSA covers, which is not sufficiently covered in the IFA (AF-CB-FV) standard. GGFSA is applicable for the IFA Fruit and Vegetables and the GLOBALG.A.P. Crops for Processing Standard (CfP).

### **GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Sustainability Assessment (GGFSA) Version 2.1**

GLOBALG.A.P. and SAI Platform have partnered up to offer an innovative approach that benefits from the expertise and long experience of both organizations. Together, they have developed the joint solution GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Sustainability Assessment (GGFSA).

This new product builds on the GLOBALG.A.P. standards for crops and combines all sustainability requirements of the FSA in one compact and assessable standard. In this way, producers with GLOBALG.A.P. certification will be able to demonstrate compliance with the FSA requirements while avoiding duplication. This joint solution enables a transparent and more efficient sourcing of safe and sustainable products for traders, retailers, and manufacturers.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Sustainability Assessment (GGFSA) Add-on enables a farm or farm group that is already using the GLOBALG.A.P. certification system to make an FSA claim in the most efficient way possible. It includes a tailored set of FSA inspired questions that can be audited alongside the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) or Crops for Processing (CfP) Standard for all crops to produce a verified FSA performance level claim. It bridges the gap between the GLOBALG.A.P. and FSA standards, allowing producers to make FSA claims up to FSA GOLD level with only one audit.

The GGFSFA Add-on has been designed for any legal entity that is already using GLOBALG.A.P. certification (for crops) and wants to make an FSA claim in the most streamlined way possible.

The FSA is widely recognized as a food and drink industry reference for sustainable crop farming. It was created to stimulate the uptake of industry-shared better management practices that improve farm performance and sustainability outcomes. Using the GGFSFA Add-on replaces the need to be a part of multiple company-specific sustainability schemes by providing one approach that is recognized throughout the industry.

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### **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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### **The Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform)**

The Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform) is the global food and drink industry platform for developing sustainable agriculture solutions through member-driven pre-competitive collaboration. SAI Platform works with members and external stakeholders to catalyse change and establish sustainable agriculture as a prerequisite for doing business through the food and drink industry supply chain. The Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) is SAI Platform's all-inclusive system for promoting sustainable crop production.

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