



## GLOBALG.A.P. PRODUCE HANDLING ASSURANCE STANDARD (PHA)

The new GLOBALG.A.P. Produce Handling Assurance (PHA) Standard covers pre-process production steps after the point of harvest for crops including cooling, packing, re-packing, handling, and storage of produce for human consumption. The PHA Standard may not be used to certify products significantly transformed from the original whole state or foods that are processed.

- Available to all qualified produce packing operations, including enclosed and open-shed environments, meeting the scope definition in North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Australia (excludes Europe).
- May be used in conjunction with the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard for Fruit and Vegetables (IFA FV) audit to reduce audit redundancy and cost.
- Incorporates FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requirements from both the Produce Safety Rule and the Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule, as appropriate.
- Aids operations in identifying FSMA requirements that must be addressed at the farm level.
- Audit reports and certificates can be provided to importers, retailers, and other value-chain participants as evidence of an operation's efforts toward FSMA implementation.
- Includes Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) requirements. A new standard must be operational for one year before it can apply for GFSI benchmarking. GLOBALG.A.P. anticipates GFSI benchmarking of the PHA Standard in 2020.

The PHA certificate is not an assurance or guarantee of FSMA compliance, as legal compliance can only be determined by a regulatory authority, such as the United States Food and Drug Administration.

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