

Why GLOBALG.A.P. IFA – Fruit & Vegetables, PSS and/or HPSS Certification?

The GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit and Vegetables (F&V), Produce Safety Standard (PSS), and Harmonized Produce Safety Standard (HPSS) are intended to cover part of the verification of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in the whole production chain.

THE MAIN FACTORS MOTIVATING CERTIFICATION ARE

Consumers' demand for confidence in safe and sustainable food.

Producers' need to produce affordable and sustainable food.

Retailers' need for safe and sustainable assurance of their suppliers

THE BENEFITS OF THIS CERTIFICATION ARE

Better and easier access to markets.

Clear agreements with retailers.

Better opportunities for fair competition.

Possible increase in quantity and quality.

More effective management of production processes and legal issues.

Higher commitment to improvement.

Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognized schemes.

WHY CERTIFY WITH QCS?

QCS is the most reliable and transparent certification body. Our reputation is unequalled. Integrity is our seal.

QCS holds ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation.

Our staff includes food and agricultural scientists, educators, and regulators, all highly trained in US & International Organic and Food Safety standards.

We are committed to meeting the unique needs of your business in a timely manner.

QCS is an industry leader with more than 25 years of experience in certification.



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QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES GLOBALG.A.P. INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE

for Fruit & Vegetables, Produce Safety Standard (PSS), & Harmonized Produce Safety Standard (HPSS)



GLOBALG.A.P. IFA – Fruit & Vegetables and Produce Safety Standard are Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Recognized Schemes.

QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES (QCS), a leader in the organic industry, recently expanded its services by adding the following GLOBALG.A.P. certifications:

- IFA Fruits and Vegetables (F&V)
- Produce Safety Standards (PSS)
- Harmonized Produce Safety Standard (HPSS)

QCS is working hard towards a safer food industry as a leader and innovator in the organics industry

It is our mission to ensure that producers and consumers have confidence in the safety of the products they buy.

The GLOBALG.A.P. IFA – F&V, PSS, & HPSS Certifications allow the produce industry to reassure its consumers about the safety of their products.

QCS Additional Services

Organic Certification for the entire supply chain.

Organic Certification for Aquaculture.

Specialized Certifications such as Food Justice, Stock Free Organic, Bird Friendly.

Produce GAPs Harmonized Food Safety.

GLOBALG.A.P. for Aquaculture, Compound Feed Manufacturing (CFM) and GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practices (GRASP).

GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) - Fruit & Vegetables (F&V) - Produce Safety Standard (PSS) - Harmonized Produce Safety Standard (HPSS)

GLOBALG.A.P. IFA - F&V is globally recognized as the pre-harvest and post-harvest standard for ensuring the safety of the final product in the agricultural sector as well as sustainability of farming activities. The standard covers all stages of production, from pre-harvest activities to post-harvest produce handling, packing and storing, emphasizes the holistic approach to farm assurance certification, and is applicable worldwide.

GLOBALG.A.P. PSS for the U.S.A. and Canada, covers all stages of production - from, pre-harvest activities to post-harvest produce handling, packing and storing. The main focus is on the food safety and traceability requirements of the GLOBALG.A.P. IFA - F&V meeting equivalency with the Produce GAPs Harmonized Standard plus 17 additional compliance requirements.

GLOBALG.A.P. HPSS is applicable to any producer growing and trading within the American continent. It is expected that HPSS will replace PSS once it obtains GFSI recognition in the near future.



GFSI Recognized GLOBALG.A.P. IFA Fruit and Vegetables and Produce Safety Standard cover the following:

Each standard is divided into three modules with main sections addressing the following issues:

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (F&V)

ALL FARM MODULE

Site History & Management · Record Keeping & Internal Self-Assessment/Internal Inspection · Workers' Health, Safety & Welfare · Subcontractors · Waste & Pollution Management, Recycling and Re-Use · Environment and Conservation · Complaints · Recall/Withdrawal Procedure · Food Defense · GLOBALG.A.P. Status · Logo Use · Traceability and Segregation

CROPS MODULE

Traceability · Propagation Material · Site History & Site Management · Soil Management · Fertilizer Application · Irrigation/Fertigation · Integrated Pest Management · Plant Protection Products · Equipment

F&V MODULE

Soil Management · Substrates · Pre-Harvest · Harvesting · Produce Handling

PRODUCE SAFETY STANDARD (PSS)

ALL FARM MODULE

Site History & Management · Record Keeping & Internal Self-Assessment/Internal Inspection · Workers' Health, Safety and Welfare · Subcontractors · Waste & Pollution Management, Recycling and Re-Use · Complaints · Recall/Withdrawal Procedure · Food Defense · Logo Use

CROPS MODULE

Traceability · Propagation Material · Site History & Site Management · Fertilizer Application · Irrigation/Fertigation · Integrated Pest Management · Plant Protection Products · Equipment

F&V MODULE

Pre-Harvest · Harvesting · Produce Handling