

GLOBALG.A.P CERTIFICATION

Demonstrating good agricultural/aquaculture practices and ensuring access to markets

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

For food producers today, there is a constant challenge to grow safe, healthy products in a responsible way. New pressures from consumers, retailers and legislation have placed new demands on farmers and growers. They are increasingly required to use production techniques that reduce the impact of farming on the environment (land and sea), to reduce their use of chemicals, and to make efficient use of natural resources, while safeguarding the welfare of both workers, farm animals and sea life. Being able to show a commitment to good agricultural/aquaculture practices has become essential for accessing the market.

WHAT IS GLOBALG.A.P CERTIFICATION?

GLOBALG.A.P is an internationally recognized set of farm standards dedicated to Good Agricultural Practices (G.A.P). Through certification, producers demonstrate their adherence to GLOBALG.A.P standards. For consumers and retailers, the GLOBALG.A.P certificate is reassurance that food reaches accepted levels of safety and quality, and has been produced sustainably, respecting the health, safety and welfare of workers, the environment, and in consideration of animal welfare issues. Without such reassurance, farmers may be denied access to markets. Bureau Veritas Certification understands all these issues and can perform the necessary audits to help you achieve GLOBALG.A.P Certification.



WHO NEEDS TO BE CERTIFIED GLOBALG.A.P?

GLOBALG.A.P is becoming a compulsory standard as most retailers now require it as evidence of good agricultural/aquaculture practices. Producers of crops and farmers raising animals/fish to produce food for human consumption need GLOBALG.A.P certification. Without it, their products cannot be stocked by those retailers. Increasingly, exporters to Europe and more in other markets areas (Asia and America) also need to comply with the production standards determined by the GLOBALG.A.P certification scheme.

WHO PAYS FOR THE CERTIFICATION?

The farmers/producers seeking certification have to pay. This cost can be offset by enhanced operating efficiencies and facilitated access to markets.



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WHAT ARE THE KEY BENEFITS OF GLOBALG.A.P CERTIFICATION?



Demonstrate to clients (retailers, product traders, importers) that your product is produced using good agricultural / fish farming practices



Inspire consumer confidence



Ensure access to your markets



Enhance operating efficiency and competitive market appeal



Implement processes for continual improvement



Reduce the number of second party inspections to farms as more major retailers accept the scheme

HOW DO I CERTIFY?

The certification process proceeds as follows:

- **Definition of scope**
- **Pre-audit** (optional) in order to assess the farm's current status
- **Certification audit** (certificate issued) to verify that GLOBALG.A.P requirements are met
- **Re-certification** to follow compliance and continual improvement

** CA: Corrective Action (if necessary)



WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?



NETWORK

With 148,000+ active ISO certificates and +7,400 skilled auditors, Bureau Veritas is present in 140 countries with local specialists in 80 countries.



FOOD EXPERTISE

Bureau Veritas can help every player in the food supply chain to meet the highest standards of Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental compliance.



RECOGNITION

Bureau Veritas Certification is recognized by more than 70 national and international accreditation bodies across the world.



MARK OF GLOBAL RECOGNITION

The Bureau Veritas Certification mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization's ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.

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