GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulations Specifications for the Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability Add-on
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1 INTRODUCTION

GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for add-ons create the framework within which a producer or producer group shall comply with the add-ons’ principles and criteria in addition to compliance with a GLOBALG.A.P. standard. These add-ons are voluntary and mostly customer-driven. Each add-on has its own specific principles and criteria that makes it different and customized. The results of the add-on audit do not affect the audit report of the base standard.

The basis for this document is the latest GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations (rules for individual producers, rules for producer groups and multisite producers with a quality management system (QMS), and rules for plants scope), which should be consulted while reading these GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ADD-ON

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<th>Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability add-on version 1.1</th>
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<td>IDA add-on</td>
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<td>Scheme ID:</td>
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3 ROLES RELATED TO THIS ADD-ON

The following stakeholders have a role in the rollout of the add-on and are defined as follows:

**Producer:** Farmer/Grower (or producer groups organized via a quality management system (QMS)) who is certified against the Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard for the scopes aquaculture and/or plants, product categories fruits and vegetables, flowers and ornamentals, combinable crops, plant propagation material, tea, and hops, and who intends to use the Impact-Driven Approach, in which specified data is shared with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat.

**Peers:** Producers in the same region, producing the same crop or aquaculture product in the same conditions, and who share data with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat in the Impact-Driven Approach for comparison reports.

**Service provider:** The use of a farm management system (service provider) software to facilitate data sharing is required. The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat registers and approves service providers to facilitate the data sharing. Details and providers can be found on the [GLOBALG.A.P. website](http://www.globalgap.org).

**Impact-Driven Approach data:** The datapoints (sites, crops or aquaculture product, input consumption, and other sustainability metrics) that are meant to be shared in digital form between the producer and the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat through a service provider.
4 GLOBALG.A.P. GENERAL REGULATIONS SPECIFICATIONS

3 CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

Preconditions:

Option 1/3 – multisite producer without QMS: Data shall be shared for each legal entity, but recording of the data will be for each production site.

Option 1/3 – multisite producer with QMS: Data shall be shared for each legal entity, but recording of the data will be for each production site.

Option 2/4 – producer group: Data shall be shared on the producer group or individual producer group member level. The producer group shall indicate ahead of time whether the producer group will submit aggregated data of the entire producer group (derived from individual producer group members) to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat or whether individual producer group members will submit data to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat independently. If the producer group submits data on an aggregated level, the producer group’s GLOBALG.A.P. Number (GGN)/Global Location Number (GLN) shall be used when submitting the data. If individual producer group members submit the data, they shall indicate for each product the producer group that the member belongs to.

It is possible to implement and conduct audits against the add-on for the following options (pick all applicable options):

- ☒ Option 1 – individual producer
- ☒ Option 3 – individual producer (☒ benchmarked scheme, ☒ benchmarked checklist)
- ☒ Option 1 – individual multisite producer with QMS
- ☒ Option 3 – individual multisite producer with QMS (☒ benchmarked scheme, ☒ benchmarked checklist)
- ☒ Option 2 – producer group
- ☒ Option 4 – producer group (☒ benchmarked scheme, ☒ benchmarked checklist)

5 REGISTRATION WITH THE CERTIFICATION BODY

5.2 Registration process

5.2.1 General

Choice of certification body (CB)

- ☒ A finally approved CB for the base standard and/or add-on

☐ A provisionally approved CB for the base standard and/or add-on

The chosen CB:

☒ Shall be the same CB that conducted the audit against the base standard
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- ☐ Does not need to be the same CB that conducted the audit against the base standard
  
  A list of GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs is available on the [GLOBALG.A.P. website](http://www.globalgap.org). Customize the search for CBs by selecting the region, country, and scope.
  
  Additional info:

- **Duration of the service contract**
  
  The duration of the service contract is agreed between the CB and the producer.
  
  The contract between the CB and the producer is independent of the contract between FoodPLUS GmbH and the owner of the add-on.
  
  The CB shall include this add-on as part of the GLOBALG.A.P. sublicense and certification agreement that is signed between the CB and the producer.
  
  Additional info:

- **Registering parts of the products as originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes (parallel ownership = PO)**
  
  ☒ PO is possible.*
  
  ☐ PO is not possible.
  
  *For additional registration requirements, see “GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for parallel ownership.”
  
  Additional info:

### 6 AUDIT PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS (OPTION 1 OR OPTION 3 WITHOUT QMS)

#### 6.1 Self-assessments

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Additional info:
### 6.2 CB audits

**Announced CB audits**
- ☒ Annual
- ☐ Other, please specify:
  - Additional info:

**Unannounced CB audits**
- ☒ Together with the audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations
- ☐ Other, please specify:
  - Additional info:

**Off-site and on-site stages**
- ☒ Splitting the CB audit against the add-on is possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.
- ☐ Splitting the CB audit against the add-on is *not* possible and the audit shall be conducted on site only.
  - Additional info:

**Remote CB audits**
- ☒ Possible together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote audit procedure
- ☐ Not allowed
  - Additional info:

**CB audit duration**
- The duration of the CB audit against the add-on depends on the size of the farm and the complexity of the production activities and will be in the range of approximately one to three hours.

**CB audit timing**
- ☒ Together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations
- ☐ Other, please specify: The first CB audit shall not take place until three complete months' worth of data for all applicable metrics have been shared through a service provider.
  - Additional info:

### 6.3 Initial and subsequent CB audits

- ☒ The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations
- ☐ Other, please specify:
  - Additional info: The first CB audit shall not take place until three complete months' worth of data for all applicable metrics have been shared through a service provider.
Section 6 AUDIT PROCESS – PRODUCER GROUPS (OPTION 2 OR OPTION 4) OR INDIVIDUAL MULTISITE PRODUCERS WITH QMS (OPTION 1 OR OPTION 3)

☐ N/A for producer groups or individual multisite producers with QMS

6.1 Internal audits

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After each recording period (e.g., one month), the producer is granted 25 calendar days to digitally register the metrics for the completed recording period.

Prior to the audit, the CB shall confirm that the producer has been sharing data as required in the IDA add-on, i.e., at the required frequency and with the required metrics.

If the producer applying for the CB audit has already registered data through a different service provider, the audit can take place as long as the required metrics have been shared with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat at the required frequency.

The first CB audit may take place, regardless of whether the producer has changed CBs during the first 12 months.

If a producer has been granted a letter of conformance, failing to report all applicable datapoints at the required frequency may lead to sanctions. It is important that the CB monitor every month whether the producer has met this requirement.

The CB audit includes checking for all of the following:

a) Reliability of digitally registered data against farm conditions, including records kept at farm level and ways in which data is collected and recorded

b) Compliance with the principles and criteria of the IDA add-on

c) Confirmation that the producer has digitally registered all applicable metrics, through the service provider for the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat, at the required frequency as required in the principles and criteria.
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| Announced CB QMS audits | ☒ Annual, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations, together with the CB audit against the base standard  
☐ Other, please specify: 
Additional info: |
| Unannounced CB QMS audits | ☒ Recertification audit together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations  
☐ Other, please specify: 
Additional info: |
| CB farm audits | ☐ Together with the audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations  
☒ Specific rules that are different from the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations, please specify: The first CB farm audit does not have to be conducted at the same time as the IFA audit, since the producer will share data at the required frequency.  
Recertification audits shall be aligned with the annual IFA audit. 
Additional info: |
| Off-site and on-site stages | ☒ Splitting the CB QMS audit against the add-on is possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.  
☐ Splitting the CB QMS audit against the add-on is not possible and the audit shall be conducted on site only. 
Additional info: |
| Remote CB audits | ☒ Possible together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote audit procedure  
☐ Not allowed  
☐ Additional info: |
| CB farm and QMS audit duration | The duration of the CB audit against the add-on depends on the size of the farm and the complexity of the production activities and will be in the range of approximately one to four hours. |
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6.3 Initial and subsequent CB audits

☐ The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations

☒ Other, please specify:

Additional info: The first CB audit shall not take place until three complete months’ worth of data for all applicable metrics have been shared through a service provider.

After each month, the producer is granted 25 calendar days to digitally register the metrics for the completion at the required frequency.

Prior to the audit, the CB shall confirm that the producer has been sharing data as required in the IDA add-on, i.e., at the required frequency and with the required metrics.

If the producer applying for the CB audit has already registered data through a different service provider, the CB audit can take place as long as the required metrics have been shared with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat at the required frequency.

If a producer has been granted a letter of conformance, failing to report all applicable datapoints at the required frequency may lead to sanctions. It is important that the CB monitor every month whether the producer has met this requirement.

The CB audit includes checking for all of the following:

a) Reliability of digitally registered data against farm conditions, including records kept at farm level and ways in which data is collected and recorded

b) Compliance with the principles and criteria of the IDA add-on

c) Confirmation that the producer has digitally registered all applicable metrics, through the service provider for the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat, at the required frequency

In the case of Plants, the CB is responsible for confirming with the producer whether participation in the Impact-Driven Approach is intended to be continuous during the year or whether the crop is meant to be grown during one season or only during certain parts of the year. In the case of aquacultural products, the CB is responsible for confirming with the producer whether participation in the Impact-Driven Approach is intended to be continuous during the year or whether the product is meant to be farmed during one season or only during certain parts of the year. Across scopes, the CB shall consider seasonal growth in the audit and approval processes and allow gaps of digital data registration for periods of time when the producer has not grown any crops.

Option 1 individual producer with QMS and Option 2 producer group: The producer may share aggregated data, in which case the CB audit will take place at QMS level.
If the producer group is digitally registering aggregated data of its members, the CB audit shall check whether the producer group has practices in place to collect the relevant data from its producer group members for aggregation. Furthermore, there shall be confirmation that the aggregated data is submitted to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat at the required frequency via the service provider.

If the producer group shares data per producer group member, the CB shall audit a sample of the members. The sample size and sample selection shall follow the IFA v6 Smart sampling rules for Option 2 producer groups (or Option 1 multisite producers with QMS).

If the producer group members are digitally registering the data and submitting it to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat individually, the CB auditor shall check whether the producer group has practices in place to ensure that each producer group member is aware of the digital registration needs and is submitting the data to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat. There shall be confirmation that the producer group members submit the complete data for all relevant metrics to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat monthly via the service provider.

### 7 CERTIFICATION PROCESS

#### 7.1 Requirements for achieving GLOBALG.A.P. certification

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#### 7.1.2 Minor Must compliance calculation

| Compliance levels for CB farm audits | ☐ 100% compliance with Major Musts, 95% compliance with Minor Musts |
|--------------------------------------| ☐ Other, please specify: 100% compliance with Major Musts |
|                                      | There are no Minor Musts in the Impact-Driven Approach principles and criteria. |
|                                      | Complete data for all points as required in the principles and criteria shall be shared on a monthly basis via the chosen service provider. |
### 7.1.3 Decision (whether or not to issue a letter of conformance)

- ☒ The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations regarding decision-making and the audit report.
- ☐ Different rules regarding decision-making and the audit report, please specify:
  - ☐ The same person that reviews the report may make the certification decision.
  - ☐ The same person that reviews the report *shall not* take the certification decision.

### 7.2 Letter of conformance

Additional info: Instead of a certificate, the individual producer or producer group receives a letter of conformance. The letter of conformance shall be issued through the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems (Validation Service).

The letter of conformance is only valid as long as data for all applicable metrics is being registered by the producer via a service provider at the required frequency.

A letter of conformance is issued by the CB once a) the producer fully complies with all the principles and criteria of the add-on, b) there is confirmation that data reported to the service provider is consistent with facilities and records on the farm, and c) the producer is registering data via a service provider at the required frequency.

If data has not been shared with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat via the service provider at the required frequency, the CB shall send a warning notification to the producer during the following month.

If data has not been shared for two consecutive months, at the beginning of the third month, the CB shall send another warning notification to the producer.

If data has not been shared by the end of the third month, the producer is not compliant and shall receive the status “product suspended”.

The letter of conformance is an indication that the producer is registered for sharing the requested data and intends to share the data at the required frequency.

The validity period of the letter of conformance is 12 months, linked to the validity of the IFA certificate.
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| 7.3 Letter of conformance validity extension | ☒ Together with the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations  
☐ No extension allowed |
| 7.4.3 Sanctions | ☒ Rules for closing non-conformances follow the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.  
☐ Different rules apply, please specify:  
Additional info: If a product is suspended because the producer has failed to send complete data during a period of three consecutive months, the letter of conformance can be reestablished once the producer uploads the missing data at a later stage within the certification cycle without affecting the certification cycle.  
☐ Non-conformances shall be closed within X calendar days.  
☐ It is not necessary to implement corrective action within a certain period of time.  
Additional info: |
| CB REQUIREMENTS | ☒ The GLOBALG.A.P. approved CB has:  
  a) Registered for the new add-on in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems  
  b) Submitted a letter of intent in English to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat (obsolete for registration through CB-AT)  
  c) Paid an annual registration fee according to the GLOBALG.A.P. fee table for conducting audits against the add-on  
  d) Assigned the add-on in CB-AT to the auditors so they can complete any applicable online tests  
☐ The CB approval process is different, please specify: |
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| CB auditor approval | ☑ Auditors from GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs that are already approved to conduct audits against accredited standards such as IFA, or schemes successfully benchmarked to the specific product category  
☐ Auditors from GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs that already conduct audits against not accredited standards  
☐ In addition to the IFA approval, the in-house trainer shall conduct one witness audit against the add-on.  
Additional info: For in-house trainers (IHTs): As a condition for final approval, the provisionally approved CB shall nominate an IDA add-on IHT (per scope) who complies with IFA auditor qualifications (for the respective scope) and who has completed the required IDA add-on IHT training and has passed the auditor online tests.  
The IHT shall provide the internal CB training to all CB auditors applying for the IDA add-on.  
For CB auditors: The registered IDA add-on CB auditors shall complete the applicable online tests and the respective updates within three months of release in the CB auditor’s working language. |
| CB auditor qualifications | If other requirements as indicated in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – rules for certification bodies apply, please specify: |
| CERTIFICATION INTEGRITY PROGRAM | The possibility of adding the Certification Integrity Program (CIPRO) to the add-on shall be clarified  
☑ Yes  
☐ No  
Additional info: |
| ADD-ON LOGO USE | ☑ No IDA add-on logo available  
☐ A(n) add-on logo is available that shall be used as per the following rules: |
| DATA ACCESS RULES | Rules regarding data access  
☑ GLOBALG.A.P. data access rules in its current version  
☑ Additional or other data access rules, see Annex I, “Data access rules” |
### FEES

**Add-on fees**

GLOBALG.A.P. system participation fees for this add-on shall be charged in addition to the base standard fees (see the GLOBALG.A.P. fee table). Add-on fees are payable to the CBs only.

Add-on fees for producers, depending on the applicable scope:

- ☐ Per producer
  - Option
  - specify 1 or 3: €XY per producer
  - Option 2 or 4 (or Option 1 or 3 with QMS): €XY per producer group or producer with QMS + €XY per producer group member or production site
- ☒ Other, see below.

### ADDITIONAL RULES

Any additional rule(s)/requirement(s):

#### Fees for plants:

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## Preparations for compliance:

1. Producers shall register with a CB for the add-on.
2. Producers shall register with a service provider that has an agreement with GLOBALG.A.P. c/o FoodPLUS GmbH (listed on the GLOBALG.A.P. website).
3. Producers use the same identification number for interactions with both with the service provider and the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems. If the producer has a GLN, this number shall be used when registering with the service provider, as well in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems.
4. Data shall be shared with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat at the required frequency via the service provider.
5. During the CB audit, the producer shall provide the chosen CB with access to records for the purpose of confirming evidence as found during on-site audits.
6. CBs that wish to be approved to conduct audits against the IDA add-on shall send a signed letter of intent to cb_admin@globalgap.org.

## PRODUCT STATUSES

The following product statuses for the IDA add-on apply in Validation Service:

a) "Not confirmed": The producer has applied for the add-on (registered with CB and a service provider).

b) "Accepted": The producer has recorded and digitally shared all relevant metrics with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat for at least three months. The CB can check with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat and the producer that the metrics have been recorded and digitally shared at the required frequency.

c) "Compliant": After at least three months of complete data sharing, the producer has been audited by the CB and fulfills all requirements.

d) "Product suspended": The producer either did not pass the CB audit or stopped sending data (for more than three consecutive months).

e) "Annulled": The acceptance cycle has expired, and the producer was not reconfirmed for the next cycle.

f) "Self-declared suspension": The producer has voluntarily asked the respective CB for a suspension of one, several, or all of the products covered by the letter of conformance (unless a CB has already imposed a sanction). This can occur if the producer...
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experiences difficulty complying with the add-on and needs time to close any non-compliances.

**Impact-Driven Approach data governance**

The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat shall aggregate the shared data and prepare comparisons. Consolidated reports shall be presented electronically via the corresponding service provider for comparison on a monthly basis as long as there at least five peer producers to maintain confidentiality.

- Producers register environmental metrics (inputs such as fertilizer/plant protection product use and water and energy use) in a digital platform (via the service provider) to share with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat.
- The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat processes this data:
  - To collect information on historic trends of input consumption and other sustainability metrics
  - As a performance indicator when auditing implemented practices (Performance of the indicators, such as more or less input use, does not define compliance against the practice but may be used to indicate how effective the practice may be.)
  - To potentially complement auditing evidence for the IDA add-on and other farm assurance products
  - To compare input consumption and other sustainability metrics between similar producers
- Data about individual producers *shall not be shared with other parties unless specifically requested by the producer.*
- Reports with aggregated data will be shared only with producers using the Impact-Driven Approach.
- Data *shall not be used as a tool to classify producers as more or less sustainable.*

**Processing data and reporting back to producers**

1. The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat will process data to create comparison reports of peer producers.
2. Criteria for defining producers as peers are location, type of plant or aquaculture product, and production conditions. These are:
   - Type of plant or aquaculture product, ideally, peers produce the same plant or aquaculture product, GLOBALG.A.P. product, or product category
   - Site: similar environmental conditions, sites in similar geographic conditions
   - Plant production conditions such as soil or soilless cultivation
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**Transfer between CBs:**
The producer may change CBs any time, unless stipulated otherwise in the contract between the producer and the CB. The producer may change CBs only if there is an agreement between the producer and the outgoing CB. The producer may not change CBs if there is a pending sanction. The pending sanction may be a result of the CB audit outcome or because of no transferring of data or other contractual non-conformance such as nonpayment. If the transfer is possible, it may be done when the producer has the status “Compliant” in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems. The original cycle (established by the outgoing CB) shall be taken over by the incoming CB.

**Transfer between service providers:**
The producer may change service providers at any time, provided that the new service provider has also been recognized by the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat for the Impact-Driven Approach and that the producer informs the CB of the successful transfer.
ANNEX I  DATA ACCESS RULES

The latest GLOBALG.A.P. data access rules apply (see section 3, “Generic GLOBALG.A.P. data access rules”). Additional data access rules for the IDA add-on are listed below.

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1 PRODUCT AND CERTIFICATION DATA

For product and certification data, section 3.3.1 of the latest GLOBALG.A.P. data access rules applies. Additional data access rules for the IDA add-on are listed below.

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“x” indicates that this data is visible to users assigned to the respective data access group (made available either by the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat itself or by one of its data partners).

Notes

<sup>1)</sup>For plants (IDA v1): input consumption of energy, water, plant protection products, and fertilizers

For aquaculture (IDA v1): input consumption of energy and quantitative indicators on feed, mortality rate, antimicrobial and vaccination use, and escapes
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