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1 INTRODUCTION

The GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for this module create the framework within which a producer or producer group shall comply with the principles and criteria of this module. This module is a stand-alone solution. It is voluntary and mostly customer-driven.

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), rules for plants scope, CB sanction catalogue, rules for plants scope, GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote, AOH upload rules, GLOBALG.A.P. registration data requirements), which should be consulted while reading these GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS MODULE

Name and version of the module:	Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability module v1.1
Common name (if applicable):	IDA module
Scope:	Flowers and ornamentals, plant propagation material
Scheme ID:	362
Application in country/countries:	All
List of normative documents:	<p>GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for the Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability module v1.1 (this document)</p> <p>Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability module – Principles and criteria for flowers and ornamentals v1.1</p> <p>GLOBALG.A.P. product list</p>

3 ROLES RELATED TO THIS MODULE

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

Producer: Farmer/Grower (or producer group organized via a quality management system (QMS)) who/that 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 in the same conditions, and who share data with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat in the Impact-Driven Approach for comparison reports.

Service provider: An entity making available a software system for collecting and sharing farm data. 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](https://www.globalgap.org).

Impact-Driven Approach data: The data points (sites, crops, 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

Section (Numbering of sections 3 to 7 is based on the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.)	GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for the Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability module
3 CERTIFICATION OPTIONS	
<p>Preconditions:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>It is possible to implement and conduct audits against the standard for the following options (pick all applicable options):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 1 – individual producer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option 3 – individual producer (<input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked scheme, <input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked checklist)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 1 – individual multisite producer with QMS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option 3 – individual multisite producer with QMS (<input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked scheme, <input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked checklist)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 2 – producer group</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 4 – producer group (<input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked scheme, <input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked checklist)</p>	
5 REGISTRATION WITH THE CERTIFICATION BODY	
5.2 Registration process	
5.2.1 General	
Choice of certification body (CB)	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A finally approved CB for IFA v6 for flowers and ornamentals or benchmarked standard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A provisionally approved CB for the base standard and/or module</p> <p>A list of GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs is available on the GLOBALG.A.P. website. Customize the search for CBs by selecting the region, country, and scope.</p>

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	Additional info:
Duration of the service contract	<p>The duration of the service contract is agreed between the CB and the producer.</p> <p>The contract between the CB and the producer is <i>independent</i> of the contract with FoodPLUS GmbH.</p> <p>The CB shall include this module as part of the GLOBALG.A.P. sublicense and certification agreement that is signed between the CB and the producer.</p> <p>Additional info:</p>
Registering parts of the products as originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes (parallel ownership = PO)	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PO is possible.*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PO is not possible.</p> <p>*For additional registration requirements, see "GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for parallel ownership."</p>
6 AUDIT PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS (OPTION 1 OR OPTION 3 WITHOUT QMS)	
6.1 Self-assessments	
General	<p>Self-assessments are:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required against all the principles and criteria, and follow all the rules in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. The self-assessment shall be conducted when there are agronomic activities in place.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not required</p>

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6.2 CB audits	
Announced CB audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Additional info:
Unannounced CB audits	<input type="checkbox"/> Together with the audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: unannounced audit as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations Additional info:
Off-site and on-site stages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB audit against the module is possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB audit against the module is <i>not</i> possible and the audit shall be conducted on site only. Additional info:
Remote CB audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible as CB audit, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote audit procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Not allowed Additional info:
CB audit duration	The duration of the CB audit against the module depends on the size of the farm and the complexity of the production activities and will be in the range of approximately two to four hours.
CB audit timing	As per “GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for plants scope,” CB audits must take place when there is agronomic activity on the farm. The first CB audit shall not take place until six complete months’ worth of data for all applicable metrics have been shared through a service provider.
6.3 Initial and subsequent CB audits	
<p>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.</p> <p>Prior to the audit, the CB shall confirm that the producer has been sharing data as required in the IDA module, i.e., at the required frequency and with the required metrics.</p>	

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<p>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.</p> <p>The first CB audit may take place, regardless of whether the producer has changed CBs during the first 12 months.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The CB audit includes checking for all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 module 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 	
6 AUDIT PROCESS – PRODUCER GROUPS (OPTION 2 OR OPTION 4) OR INDIVIDUAL MULTISITE PRODUCERS WITH QMS (OPTION 1 OR OPTION 3) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>N/A for producer groups or individual multisite producers with QMS</i>	
6.1 Internal audits	
General	Internal audits are: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required against all the principles and criteria and follow all the rules in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Required but follow different rules than the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations: <input type="checkbox"/> Not required Additional info: Only internal QMS audits are required.
Internal QMS auditor requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Additional qualifications:

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6.2 CB audits	
Announced CB QMS audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Additional info:
Unannounced CB QMS audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recertification audit by the CB, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Additional info:
CB farm audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific rules that are different from the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations, please specify: The first CB farm audit can be conducted once the producer group/multisite producer with QMS shares data at the required frequency.
Off-site and on-site stages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB QMS audit against the module is possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.
Remote CB audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote audit procedure
CB farm and QMS audit duration	The duration of the CB audit against the module depends on the size of the farm and the complexity of the production activities and will be in the range of approximately two to four hours for the farm audits and two hours for the QMS audit.
CB audit timing	As per “GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for plants scope,” CB audits must take place when there is agronomic activity on the farm. The first CB audit shall not take place until six complete months’ worth of data for all applicable metrics have been shared through a service provider.

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6.3 Initial and subsequent CB audits	
<p>Additional info: The first CB audit shall not take place until six complete months' worth of data for all applicable metrics have been shared through a service provider.</p>	
<p>After each month, the producer is granted 25 calendar days to digitally register the metrics for the completion at the required frequency.</p>	
<p>Prior to the audit, the CB shall confirm that the producer has been sharing data as required in the IDA module, i.e., at the required frequency and with the required metrics.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>If a producer has been granted a letter of conformance, failing to report all applicable data points at the required frequency may lead to sanctions. It is important that the CB monitor every month whether the producer has met this requirement.</p>	
<p>The CB audit includes checking for all of the following:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 module 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 	
<p>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. 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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>If the producer group shares data per producer group member, the CB shall audit a sample of the members. The sample size shall be the square root of the number of totally registered producer group members/production sites. The sample selection shall follow the IFA v6 Smart sampling rules for Option 2 producer groups (or Option 1 multisite producers with QMS).</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

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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		
7.1.1 Certification rules		
Compliance system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Musts and Recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Additional info:	
7.1.2 Minor Must compliance calculation		
Compliance levels for CB farm audits	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% compliance with Major Musts, 95% compliance with Minor Musts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.	
Compliance levels for CB QMS audits (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% compliance with the QMS requirements, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Compliance with the QMS requirements, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations In the case of flowers and ornamentals there is no classification of high-risk producer group members/production sites/PHUs.	
7.1.3 Decision (whether or not to issue a letter of conformance)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations regarding decision-making and the audit report <input type="checkbox"/> Different rules regarding decision-making and the audit report, please specify: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The same person that reviews the report may make the certification decision. <input type="checkbox"/> The same person that reviews the report <i>shall not</i> take the certification decision. Additional info:		

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<p>7.2 Letter of conformance</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A letter of conformance is issued by the CB once a) the producer fully complies with all the principles and criteria of the module, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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”.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The validity period of the letter of conformance is 12 months.</p>		
<p>7.3 Letter of conformance validity extension</p>		
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As in “GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for certification bodies”, section 8.4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No extension allowed</p>		
<p>7.4.3 Sanctions</p>		
Corrective action following initial CB audit	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rules for closing non-conformances follow the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Different rules apply, please specify:</p> <p>Additional info: If the product is suspended because the producer has failed to send complete data during a period of three consecutive months, the producer shall, as corrective action, upload the missing data at a later stage (during the suspension period), in order to lift the sanction.</p>	

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Corrective action following subsequent CB audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-conformances shall be closed within 28 calendar days, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-conformances shall be closed within X calendar days. <input type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary to implement corrective action within a certain period of time. Additional info:
CB REQUIREMENTS	
General	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The GLOBALG.A.P. approved CB has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Registered for the new module 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 module d) Assigned the module in CB-AT to the auditors so they can complete any applicable online tests <input type="checkbox"/> The CB approval process is different, please specify:
CB auditor approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditors from GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs that are already approved to conduct audits against accredited standards such as IFA for the plants scope <input type="checkbox"/> Auditors from GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs that already conduct audits against not accredited standards <input type="checkbox"/> In addition to the IFA approval, the in-house trainer shall conduct one witness audit against the module. Additional info: For in-house trainers (IHTs): As a condition for final approval, the provisionally approved CB shall nominate an IDA module IHT who complies with IFA auditor qualifications for the plants scope and who has completed the required IDA module 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 module. For CB auditors: The registered IDA module CB auditors shall complete the applicable online tests and the respective updates within three months of release in the CB auditor's working language.

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CERTIFICATION INTEGRITY PROGRAM																
The possibility of adding the Certification Integrity Program (CIPRO) to the module shall be clarified.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Additional info:															
LOGO AND TRADEMARK USE																
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IDA module logo is available. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A GLOBALG.A.P. logo is available that shall be used as per the following rules: Use of GLOBALG.A.P. trademark in this standard is determined by the "GLOBALG.A.P. trademarks use: Policy and guidelines"																
DATA ACCESS RULES																
Rules regarding data access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLOBALG.A.P. data access rules in their current version <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional or other data access rules, see Annex I, "Data access rules"															
FEES																
Module fees	Fees for flowers and ornamentals: <table border="1" data-bbox="579 1279 1225 1570"> <thead> <tr> <th>Size (hectares)</th> <th>Participation fee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>< 0.5ha</td> <td>€50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥ 0.5 – < 2ha</td> <td>€75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥ 2 – < 5ha</td> <td>€100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥ 5 – < 15ha</td> <td>€150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥ 15 – < 100ha</td> <td>€175</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥ 100ha</td> <td>€200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The service provider may charge an additional fee for the use of their system. The fees set by the service provider are not included in the above table.</p>		Size (hectares)	Participation fee	< 0.5ha	€50	≥ 0.5 – < 2ha	€75	≥ 2 – < 5ha	€100	≥ 5 – < 15ha	€150	≥ 15 – < 100ha	€175	≥ 100ha	€200
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ADDITIONAL RULES	
Any additional rule(s)/requirement(s):	<p>Preparations for compliance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Producers shall register with a CB for the module. 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). 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. Data shall be shared with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat at the required frequency via the service provider. 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. CBs that wish to be approved to conduct audits against the IDA module shall send a signed letter of intent to cb_admin@globalgap.org. <p>Product statuses</p> <p>The following product statuses for the IDA module apply in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> “Not confirmed”: The producer has applied for the module (registered with CB and a service provider). “Accepted”: The producer has recorded and digitally shared all relevant metrics with the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat for at least six 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. “Compliant”: After at least six months of complete data sharing, the producer has been audited by the CB and fulfills all requirements. “Product suspended”: The producer either did not pass the CB audit or stopped sending data (for more than three consecutive months). “Annulled”: The acceptance cycle has expired, and the producer was not reconfirmed for the next cycle. “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

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	<p>(unless a CB has already imposed a sanction). This can occur if the producer experiences difficulty complying with the module and needs time to close any non-compliances.</p> <p>Impact-Driven Approach data governance</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 module and other farm assurance products To compare input consumption and other sustainability metrics between similar producers Data about individual producers <i>shall not be shared with other parties unless specifically requested by the producer.</i> Reports with aggregated data will be shared only with producers using the Impact-Driven Approach. Data <i>shall not be used as a tool to classify producers as more or less sustainable.</i> <p>Processing data and reporting back to producers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat will process data to create comparison reports of peer producers. Criteria for defining producers as peers are location, type of plant or aquaculture product, and production conditions. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type of crop: the same/similar plant, 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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plant production conditions such as covered or open-field cultivation <p>3. The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat will provide comparison reports via the service provider to producers in the same region/country or within certain radii of the site of production.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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 module are listed below.

- ☒ This is a public solution and is therefore visible to the public.
- ☐ This is a private solution and is therefore not visible to the public.

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 module are listed below.

	Data access groups			
	GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat	CB	Market participant	Public user
Data points from the Impact-Driven Approach ¹⁾	x			

“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

¹⁾For *flowers and ornamentals* (IDA module v1.1): input consumption of energy, water, plant protection products, and fertilizers

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