

Resembling Scheme

Red Tractor Assurance for Farms Fresh Produce Standards

As a resembling scheme, Red Tractor Assurance for Farms Fresh Produce Standards has its own G.A.P. requirements (Control Points and Compliance Criteria) and certification rules (General Regulations), which largely conform with the GLOBALG.A.P. System, but leave some exceptions.

Requirements of GLOBALG.A.P. IFA v5.2 not covered by Red Tractor Assurance for Farms Fresh Produce Standards Version 4.3 April 2021

Description difference	GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulations		Red Tractor Assurance for Farms Fresh Produce Standards scheme management rules	
	Reference	Text General Regulations	Reference	Text scheme management rules
GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulations require all producers to be registered in GLOBALG.A.P. Database. In Red Tractor this is not a requirement.	GR I 4.1 b)	The applicant must register with an approved CB or farm assurer as the first step towards obtaining a GLOBALG.A.P. Certificate. Unless the applicant has assigned a farm assurer, the CB is by default the Farm assurer and is responsible for registration, data updates, and collection of fees.	RT CB Protocol V11 July 2019	7.1 New applicants contacting a Certification Body for the first time (new to Assurance) must be provided with a Scheme Registration pack which must include a copy of the Scheme standard and an application form. The application form must ask the applicant for: - Information on any prosecutions brought or likely to be brought against them, or in relation to any business, site, holding or vehicle owned or occupied by them or referred to in the application, which relates to any issues covered by the Standards including without limitation food safety, product traceability, animal health, animal welfare, animal identification and movements, veterinary medicine records, trade description, animal transport, environmental legislation or relevant consumer protection legislation.
	GR Annex I.2, 1	The CB shall record the following data and the GLOBALG.A.P. Database needs to be updated accordingly (as required in the current database manual)....		
	GR III, Chapter 3.3	CB Certification Data Communication with GLOBALG.A.P. The objective is to “know at any point in time, instantly and worldwide”: The present status and status history The certified products, per Area / volume, for		

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	GR III, 4.1 a)	<p>Each unique producer (legal entity), in All schemes and Options (per product), with Central validation of certificates by market participants (online validation tool), and Audit/inspection and compliance details Therefore the CB data communication with GLOBALG.A.P. shall:</p> <p>Ensure that as soon as the CB has made the certification decision, no certificate is issued before the product status is updated to “certified” in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.</p> <p>Ensure that as soon as a sanction has been issued, the producer’s status shall be changed in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database to the relevant status (time between issuing the sanction and updating the database shall not exceed more than one working day).</p> <p>Ensure that the status of all other producers shall be sufficiently updated so as to ensure that the status of a producer on the GLOBALG.A.P. Database is up-to-date.</p> <p>Ensure availability of immediately accessible information on all audit and inspection details (including those of the unannounced inspections and audits) as well as details for each certificate.</p> <p>All production sites to be certified shall be registered in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database. (when available).</p>	AFS Certification Contract CBs December 2015, chapter 8.7	<p>- Any previous or current RTA memberships related to the site or company</p> <p>The application form must ask the applicant to sign that they agree to abide by the “Red Tractor Assurance Membership Rules”. All new applicants must be checked on the RTA Member Checker to establish if they have ever been assured in the past, regardless of whether they declared a previous membership or not.</p> <p>The CB must acknowledge receipt of the completed and returned application form within 14 days. The CB must also register the name of the business and a named, nominated person who has functional responsibility for the management decisions and operating systems to be assessed under the Scheme.</p> <p>Furnish AFS with data in electronic format as specified in the documents referred in Schedule 5 to include: data on all Participants in such format as AFS may reasonably require including all the data fields specified; such details of Assessments and non-conformances as are reasonably required by AFS so as to enable AFS to moderate and standardise Assessments and to ensure consistent interpretation of the Normative Documents; and on a weekly basis, details in accordance with Schedule 5 of any Participants who have</p>

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			RT Data submission requirements for CBs V2.9 Jan 2014	<p>registered with the Licensee in the previous week and details of Annual Renewal Payments actually received from Participants in that week, provided that AFS reserves the right, subject to prior reasonable consultation with the Licensee, to amend the data requirements set out in the documents referred to in Schedule 5 and provided further that reasonable notice shall be given to the Licensee prior to such changes taking effect.</p> <p>Contains details of all the required data fields including company name, location contact details etc. Copy attached to benchmarking documentation</p>

If you have any further questions on the differences between GLOBALG.A.P. IFA V5.2 and Red Tractor Assurance for Farms Fresh Produce Standards Version 4.3 April 2021 please contact the scheme owner Assured Food Standards Ltd / Red Tractor Assurance (produce@redtractor.org.uk) or GLOBALG.A.P. Benchmarking Administration (benchmarking@globalgap.org).

G.A.P. = Good Agricultural Practice
 IFA = Integrated Farm Assurance