

GLOBALG.A.P. CHAIN OF CUSTODY



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Thanks to the GlobalG.A.P. Chain of Custody (CoC) standard all the intermediate subjects of the production chain can:

- be registered in the **GlobalG.A.P. database**, acquiring a personal identification code (GGN);
- obtain a **GlobalG.A.P. certification** in order to ensure the GlobalG.A.P origin of products supplied to customers.

The GlobalG.A.P. Chain of Custody certification **may be requested by all the companies that buy certified product** and have the need to sell it as such to its customers.

Certification may be required by all organizations that deal with:



- **logistics,**
- **processing,**
- **storage,**
- **labelling**

of GlobalG.A.P. certified products.

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KEY POINTS

The requirements cover issues such as:

- **traceability,**
- **identification and segregation of GlobalG.A.P. product,**
- **labelling,**
- **records and mass balance.**

There are also some **minimal quality system requirements** (internal audits, complaints, management of non-compliance, et al).

GLOBALG.A.P. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE



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The GlobalG.A.P. Standard defines good agricultural practices (G.A.P.) regarding the essential elements for the development of best practices applicable to farms, crops and animal farms.

The protocol was created by **Eurep** (Euro-Retailer Produce Working Group), a group which includes some of the most important **European Retailers**, which unite some of the most important **commercial chains in Europe**, in order to meet the growing needs of food and environmental safety.

The first published standard was the EurepGAP Fruit and Vegetables, later supplemented by EurepGAP IFA (Integrated Farms Assurance), a modular standard for agricultural production and livestock breeding.

Various parties involved in the food chain joined the GlobalG.A.P protocol:

- **Producers** (single farms or producer groups)
- **European Retailers**
- **Associated members** (laboratories, certification bodies, consulting companies, manufacturers of technical means for agriculture).

The GlobalG.A.P. product certification constitutes a **competitive advantage** tool, especially in Business to Business relations.



CSQA is accredited by ACCREDIA (the Italian Accreditation Body) for the GlobalG.A.P. protocol for the following stages:

- Fruit & vegetables
- Combinable crops (cereals, oilseeds, etc..)
- Flowers & ornamentals

KEY POINTS

The standard includes the **management of requirements** regarding:

- **traceability**
- **environmental issues** (site history and management, soil and waste management)
- **product** (food safety, pesticides, irrigation techniques, crop protection, methods of harvest and post harvest treatments)
- **animal welfare**
- **Workers health and safety** and working conditions
- elements related to **business management.**

Two certification options are available against the GLOBALG.A.P. standard:

1. single farm
2. cooperative or association of farms. In this case it is also required to write a **Technical Specification** that describes the Quality System elements through which the cooperative / association manages and coordinates all the farms to ensure compliance with the requirements set by the GLOBALG.A.P Standard.

BENEFITS

- The ability to respond to **requests from European clients** who increasingly require the adoption of international standards. GLOBALG.A.P. defines the production standards of farm products which are shared and accepted by the **major groups of European distribution**.
- **Integration** and **synergies** with the requirements for **Integrated Production** and marketing of fruit and vegetables and fresh produce in general.
- The GLOBALG.A.P protocol represents an actual **Guideline for Good Agricultural Practices**.
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