

Annex 23: Certification Regulation for GLOBALG.A.P. GRASP																			
Application Options	<p>Any producer of primary agricultural products, whose production processes are certified against a GLOBALG.A.P primary production standard, may apply for a GRASP assessment.</p> <p>Applicants can apply for an assessment under one of two options (individual producer or producer group). The options are based on the constitution of the applicant's legal entity.</p> <p>GRASP control points are not applicable if the producer does not employ any employees.</p> <p>When product handling unit is included in the scope of the GLOBALG.A.P certificate, GRASP also covers the product handling unit.</p> <p>GRASP is not applicable with CoC certification.</p>																		
Audit preparation	<p>TUV AUSTRIA HELLAS is responsible for the registration of the applying producer in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database, data updates and collection of fees. By registering, the applicant commits to comply with the certification requirements at all times, the communication of data updates to TUV AUSTRIA HELLAS and the payment of the applicable fees established by GLOBALG.A.P and by the CB.</p> <p>During registration applicants give written permission to GLOBALG.A.P and TUV AUSTRIA HELLAS to use the registration data for internal processes and sanctioning procedures. TUV AUSTRIA HELLAS may not release any data to other third parties without the written consent of the applicant.</p> <p>For the registration to be completed, the applicant must satisfy all the following conditions:</p> <p>Submit to TAH the relevant application that includes all the necessary information</p> <p>Acknowledge the receipt and the inclusion of the Sublicense and Certification Agreement with his/her signature on the service agreement with TAH. TAH hands over a copy of the Sub-License and Certification Agreement to the producer.</p> <p>Pay the GLOBALG.A.P. registration fee</p> <p>An applicant may not register production units or group members in different countries.</p> <p>The registration and acceptance process is finalized before assessment can take place.</p>																		
Audit process	<p>It is not required that employees are present at the date of assessment unless they are required to provide relevant information for the assessment. However, the employees' representative shall be present. Personal data of employees (e.g. contract, time records, pay-sheets) that have to be accessible for the assessor have to be provided by the employer. During the annual assessment of producer groups, a sample (square root) of producer members registered for GRASP will be inspected.</p> <p>Initial GRASP Assessment</p> <p>In case of non-compliances the producer has three months from the date of assessment to undertake corrective actions to rectify the situation before the final assessment result are uploaded to the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.</p> <p>Subsequent GRASP Assessment</p> <p>In case of non-compliances the producer has 28 days from the date of assessment to undertake corrective actions to rectify the situation before the final assessment results are uploaded to the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.</p>																		
Audit duration	<p>The inspection duration allow for an opening meeting with the farm management, a complete evaluation of all GRASP requirements, and completion of the applicable checklist and the presentation of the results to the management.</p>																		
Subcontracted activities	<p>Tasks performed by subcontractors and covered by the GLOBALG.A.P certificate shall also be included in the GRASP assessment. TUV AUSTRIA HELLAS may verify the control points applicable to the tasks performed through a physical inspection.</p>																		
Assessment Results	<p>The GRASP Add-on consists of different compliance levels based on a scoring system. The overall compliance level is calculated from the assessment results of each control point, taking into account all the applicable control points.</p> <p>The compliance levels are calculated based on the table below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Assessment Result</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Compliance Level</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">From</th> <th style="text-align: center;">To</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">>99%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Fully Compliant</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">>66%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><=99%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Improvements needed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">>32%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><=66%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Not Compliant, but some steps taken</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><=32%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Not Compliant</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Assessment Result		Compliance Level	From	To		>99%	100%	Fully Compliant	>66%	<=99%	Improvements needed	>32%	<=66%	Not Compliant, but some steps taken	0%	<=32%	Not Compliant
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Assessment Validity	<p>The results of the GRASP assessment are only visible to database users who have the assigned user rights. The following data is available to GRASP Observers: Company name and address, GGN/GLN, GRASP version, option, GRASP status and compliance level, number of producers, number of employees and the assessment checklist with the external assessment results.</p> <p>The inspection approval cycle is 12 months subject to any sanctions and extensions in accordance with the scope described.</p> <p>If new producer group members apply for GRASP during the 12 months of the assessment validity, the following principle applies: if the new members under GRASP are > 10% of the members that are already in GRASP and/or there is at least one new employee employed by a GRASP producer, a GRASP assessment of those newly added producers or sites shall be conducted and in Option 2 producer group assessments an audit of the QMS is required.</p> <p>The Proof of Assessment may only be issued if the producer has a valid certificate for a GLOBALG.A.P scheme and it is not transferable from one legal entity to another.</p>
Maintenance of the Proof of Assessment	<p>The registration of the producer with the GRASP Add-on must be re-confirmed annually before the expiry date.</p>
Notification of factors affecting the assessment validity	<p>If the external assessment of the sample of producer group members reveals major differences between the results of the internal and external inspection, the producer group needs to be re-assessed after a time frame of three months.</p> <p>Cancellation Regarding the Conformance with GRASP</p> <p>A cancellation of the contract GRASP is issued if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. evidence of fraud is found and/or lack of trust to comply with the GRASP requirements or ii. There is a contractual non-conformance <p>A cancellation of the contract will result in the total prohibition (all products, all sites) of the use of the GRASP Proof of Assessment and any document that may be linked to the GRASP Add-on.</p> <p>A producer who has received a cancellation shall not be accepted for the GRASP Add-on assessment for the period of 12 months after the date of cancellation.</p> <p>In this case, the basic GLOBALG.A.P primary production audit may also be affected, depending on the reason of the suspension.</p>
Use of GRASP logo	<p>GLOBALG.A.P is the owner of the GRASP logo.</p> <p>GRASP assessed producers may use the GRASP logo only in business-to business communication</p> <p>The GLOBALG.A.P logo shall always be obtained from the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat.</p>
GLOBALG.A.P Certification Integrity Program	<p>The Certification Integrity program is risk based and consists of 2 kinds of assessments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Office assessments to check Certification Body certification performance b. Producer assessments or witness Certification Body assessments to check inspection and audit performance.