

International management system: GLOBALGAP (EurepGAP) fruit & vegetables

In brief

GLOBALGAP (formerly known as EUREPGAP) is an internationally used management system for Good Agricultural Practice (GAP). The group of European retailers who initiated this system in 1997 aim to provide more safe food products to European consumers. They developed requirements that enable farmers to farm according to the GAP. This system or agricultural practice can be used for several agricultural products and makes it possible to certify those products. As the European retailers who joined this initiative are active on a vast amount of the European food market, GLOBALGAP is very relevant for suppliers of agricultural products to the participating European supermarkets. GLOBALGAP is mostly relevant for fruit and vegetables.

➔ This document gives a brief introduction to the GLOBALGAP system and more specific information on GLOBALGAP certification of fruit and vegetables.

GLOBALGAP Integrated Farm Assurance Standard

Integrated Farm Assurance	ALL FARM BASE	CROPS BASE	Fruit & Vegetables
			Flowers & Ornamentals
			Combinable Crops
			Green Coffee
			Tea
			Cotton*
			Others
		LIVESTOCK BASE	Cattle & Sheep
			Dairy
			Pigs
			Poultry
		AQUACULTURE BASE	Salmon & Trout
			Pangasius*
			Shrimp*
			Tilapia*
Others			

*In development

As the schedule shows, GLOBALGAP consists of 1 Integrated Farm Assurance standard which integrates three main product groups: (1) Crops, (2) Livestock and (3) Aquaculture. These product groups are divided again into more specific products such as Fruit & vegetables, Tea, Pigs, Salmon etc.

For all products and product groups GLOBALGAP developed requirements that aim for:

- safe products
- traceability through the supply chain and
- environmental aspects of agriculture

When putting requirements for one product group together, in practice one can certify that product group with one single audit. So, a farm with different products (for example beans, mangoes and onions) can be certified for all these products with one audit.

Market impact

GLOBALGAP represents many leading European food retailers like AHOLD, Aldi, ASDA, Coop, Delhaize, Kesko, Laurus, Lidl, Marks and Spencers, Migros, Metro, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose. Therefore, for fruit and vegetables its market impact is substantial. However, the exact market impact differs in each EU Member State. Therefore, it is advisable to check the GLOBALGAP website for the participating retailers in order to get a more clear view.

➔ [For more information](#) on the participating food retailers, see the related link.

Please note that the German market also knows the widely used food management system Quality and Safety (O&S). For more information please see the related documents section.

Implementation

For all product groups, GLOBALGAP published a clear set of requirements that should be implemented. These are called Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCC). On the GLOBALGAP website you will find these requirements for: All farm base products, Crops Base Products, Livestock base products and Aquaculture base products as well as requirements for the specific product groups.