

A close-up photograph of several green pea pods hanging from a vine. The pods are vibrant green and appear fresh. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a garden or field setting. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the pods and the leaves.

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GLOBALG.A.P. FRUIT & VEGETABLES



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GLOBALG.A.P. AT A GLANCE

G.A.P. stands for Good Agricultural Practice – and GLOBALG.A.P. is the worldwide standard that assures it.

We're a not-for-profit organization with a crucial objective: safe, sustainable production of food, flowers and ornamentals worldwide. We set voluntary standards for the certification of agricultural products around the globe - and more and more producers, suppliers and buyers are harmonizing their certification standards to match.

The result? A growing movement towards a universal brand: a single standard that identifies safe production methods, responsible use of resources and the welfare of employees and animals.

That's good news for producers, distributors, retailers and consumers. It means easier certification and wider markets for fruit and vegetable producers; added reliability for retailers - and valuable reassurance for customers.

GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFICATION



THE GLOBALG.A.P. FRUIT & VEGETABLES CERTIFICATION STANDARD

As the world's preeminent harmonized agricultural standard, GLOBALG.A.P. is now recognized in over 100 countries. The GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Standard covers all stages of production, from pre-harvest activities such as soil management and plant protection product application to post-harvest produce handling, packing and storing.

We actively work on harmonizing Good Agricultural Practice worldwide, by connecting farmers and brand owners around the globe, encouraging sustainability, and providing advice and assistance to help farmers

achieve certification. Our efforts ensure the production and marketing of safe food, lay the foundation for the protection of scarce resources, and provide reassurance for consumers.

The standard covers Soil Management, Substrates, Pre-Harvest Controls for Plant Protection Product Application, Organic Fertilizer Application, Pre-Harvest Check, Harvesting, Final Produce Packing at Point of Harvest, Produce Handling covering Hygiene, Sanitary Facilities, Packing and Storage Areas, Quality Control, Pest Control, Post-Harvest Washing, Post-Harvest Treatment.

THE GLOBALG.A.P. FARM ASSURER

A GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Assurer can support you as a producer in achieving certification.

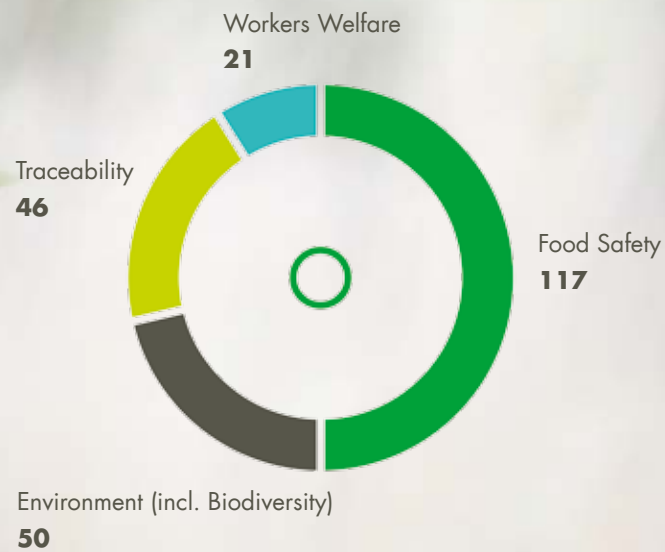
Working with producers all over the world, farm assurers have first-hand knowledge about the GLOBALG.A.P. System and the latest developments, so their expert help makes the standard easier to understand and simplifies audit preparation. They can also link producers directly

to selected customers in the supply chain. And as they represent more than one producer, they can offer you valuable backing in your negotiations with certification bodies on inspection costs.



HOLISTIC APPROACH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Total number of Control Points: **234**



THE GLOBALG.A.P. FRUIT & VEGETABLES STANDARD

15 REASONS WHY IT'S THE RIGHT CERTIFICATION FOR YOU

1. It's the most widely accepted Good Agricultural Practice standard requested by retailers and food service buyers worldwide.
2. It's tried, tested and trusted by more than 112,600 farms in over 100 countries.
3. It cuts your exposure to food safety risks.
4. It improves the efficiency of your farm management.
5. It helps you comply with legislation on food safety, environmental protection, and worker health, safety and welfare.
6. It's designed for you - producers and buyers with G.A.P. expertise worked together to create it.
7. You can contribute to its evolution and help shape its development through public consultations.
8. It combines food safety and sustainability criteria in a practical guideline.
9. It's cost effective as it reduces the number of on-farm audits.
10. It gives you the choice of more than 130 reliable certification bodies, which all meet the highest integrity requirements.
11. All our Fruit and Vegetable documents are accessible online, free of charge and are available in more than 20 languages.
12. Its HACCP system is easy to put into place, with readily available information and advice.
13. It uniquely combines global recognition with adaptation to local conditions, through a system of more than 40 National Technical Working Groups.
14. You can enhance your Fruit and Vegetable certification with add-on modules, such as GRASP (GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment for Social Practice), which covers basic labor rights for farm workers.
15. Our PFA Standard gives you a stepwise approach to achieve our full IFA Standard.

To find out how you can make your product more visible in the market, please read our GLOBALG.A.P. Database brochure, available at www.globalgap.org.



CERTIFIED PLANT PROPAGATION MATERIAL

Plant propagation material is the basis for all healthy plants. It is an important aspect of your production process that requires extra care. Not only to ensure the quality and safety of your products but also the health and welfare of your workers and the safety of the environment. GLOBALG.A.P. highly recommends the certification of plant propagation material used in the production process.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Plant Propagation Material (PPM) Standard sets clear criteria, ranging from traceability and fertilizer use to the management of site, soil, pest, waste and pollution. Designed as an add-on to the "Fruit & Vegetables" and the "Flowers & Ornamentals" Standards, the PPM Standard covers the entire production process from propagation to the final product to provide your consumers with safe and sustainably produced products.

THE GLOBALG.A.P. CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD (CoC)

Transparency throughout the supply chain guarantees the integrity of your product and reassures your customers. The GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody Standard (CoC) is an essential add-on for all supply chain partners handling GLOBALG.A.P. certified products. It ensures that any product sold as a GLOBALG.A.P. certified product is sourced from GLOBALG.A.P. certified farms.

The GLOBALG.A.P. CoC Standard identifies the status of your product throughout the entire process, from production site to retailer. It lays out strict requirements for handling certified products and the proper segregation of certified and non-certified products through all the stages of the supply chain.



TOWARDS WORLDWIDE HARMONIZATION

HARMONIZATION AND INTEGRITY

We're pledged to take the complexity out of certification. We want to cut out duplication and work towards the principle of 'one auditor at the farm gate'.

That's why we strive to harmonize the requirements of different schemes. Where possible we recognize the national standards that are equivalent and give them approved - or benchmarked - status.

As a result, the market can satisfy its demand for reassurance by checking for GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or its approved equivalent. Either one is sufficient - both for a buyer's confidence and a producer's validation.

Our GLOBALG.A.P. Integrity Program ensures that all the approved certification bodies apply the same rules. This guarantees a consistently high quality of controls and transparency. An updated list of all recognized standards and schemes is available on our website.



FIVE STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

- STEP 1** Obtain a copy of the GLOBALG.A.P. Standard and Checklists that are relevant to you from our website.
- STEP 2** Contact the certification bodies in your country, compare their offers and then ask for a registration application. You'll find a full list of certification bodies on our website.

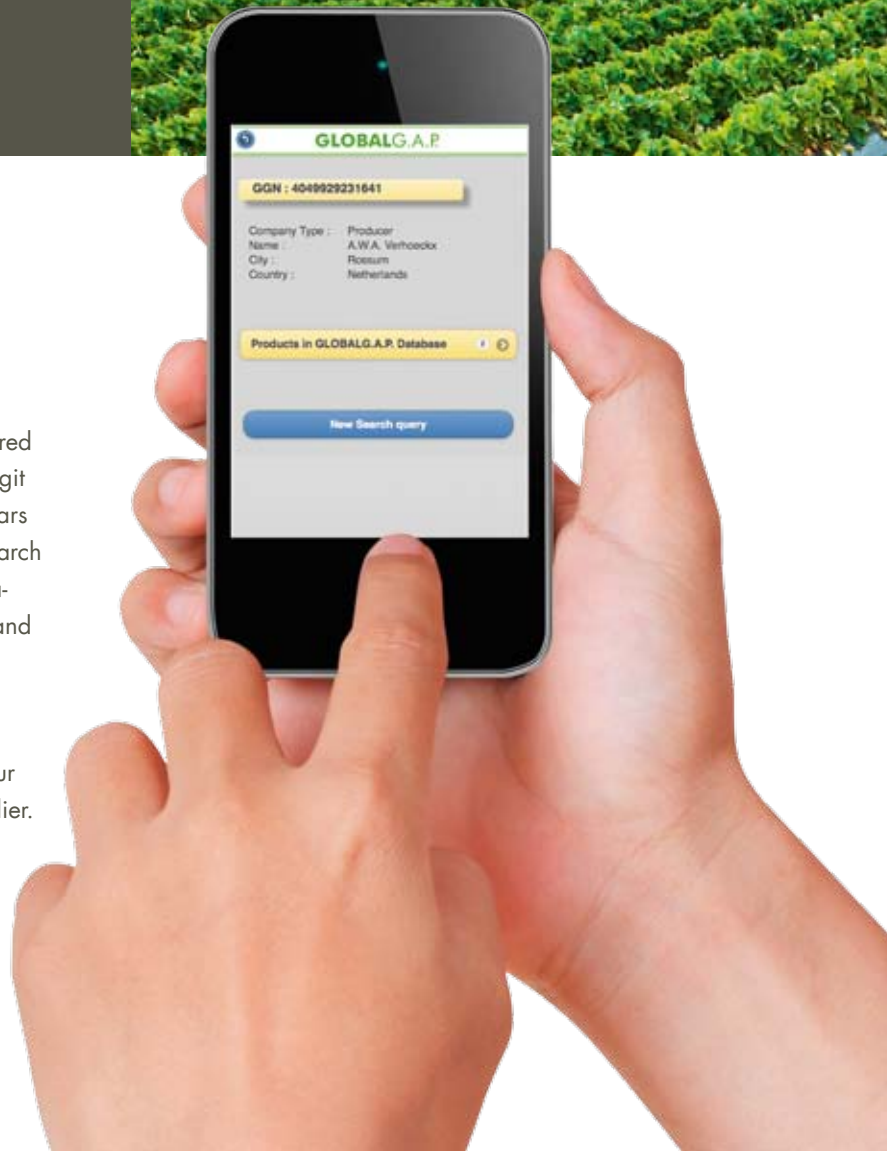
- STEP 3** Carry out a self-assessment using the checklist and correct all the points you don't comply with.
- STEP 4** Arrange an appointment with your certification body for a first inspection. A GLOBALG.A.P. inspector will then conduct the on-site inspection.
- STEP 5** Once you successfully comply with the standard's requirements, you will receive a GLOBALG.A.P. Certificate.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR YOU

We organize training all over the world to support you with implementation. Join one of our public training sessions or get in touch to arrange private instruction - you'll find our contact details at the end of this booklet.

To learn more about our training program and to register online, visit our website at www.globalgap.org

YOUR GGN SHOWS YOU COMPLY WITH THE STANDARD



Every certified GLOBALG.A.P. producer is registered in our database and identified by a unique 13-digit GLOBALG.A.P. Number (GGN). The GGN appears on every printed certificate. It's also the online search key that opens up all relevant traceability information – certification body, scheme, product status and certificate validity.

As a producer, the GGN is your passport to the world's markets. It enables retailers to confirm your certified status and identify you as a trusted supplier. And where it appears on packaging, it helps shoppers check your certification and assure them of the quality, safety and sustainability of your product. In short, it's a great sales aid.

ADD A QR CODE FOR INSTANT APPEAL

Now you can add a personal QR code to your GGN, giving your customers instant, on-the-spot reassurance. All a shopper or retailer needs to do is scan the code with their smartphone and they can go straight to your GLOBALG.A.P. certification details and directly check your status.

Here's how to do it:

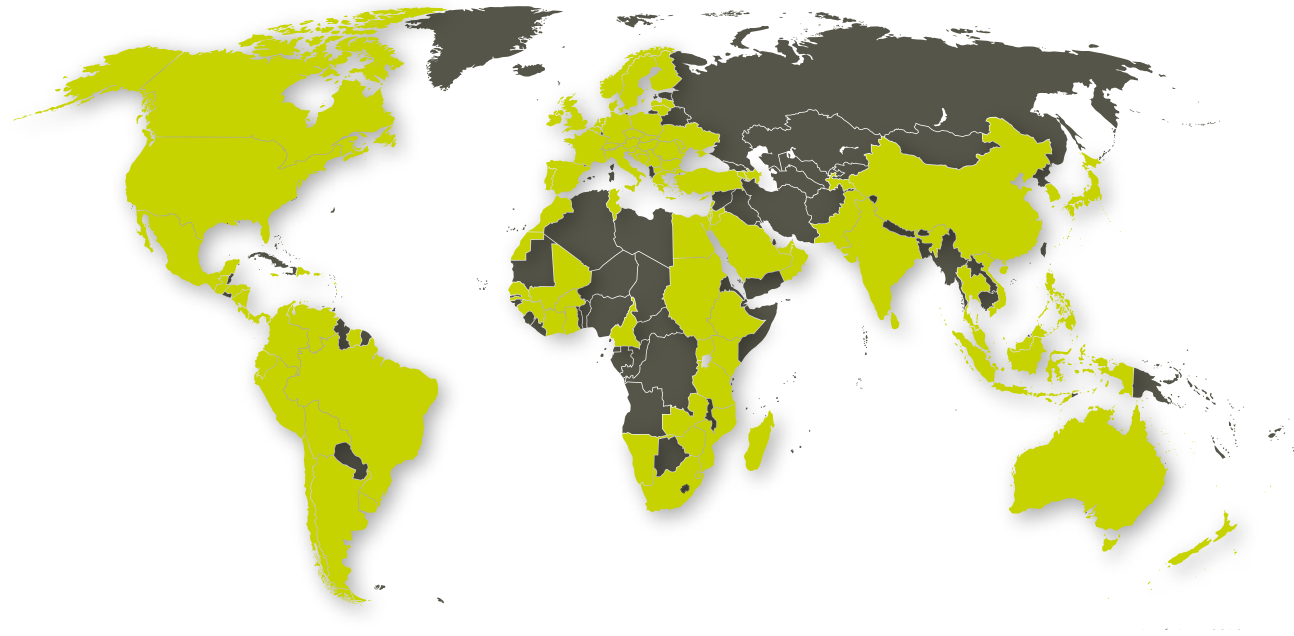
1. Add your GGN to the end of this link: <http://database.globalgap.org/mobile>

Here's an example: <http://database.globalgap.org/mobile/4049929231641>



2. Share this link with your business partners or use it to generate your personal QR code. You'll find a choice of free, easily downloadable applications to carry out the process. Simply search online for free QR code generator.
3. Share your QR code with your business partners and clients. Add your QR code to all your business communications, copy it in your email signature, print it on delivery notes and product labels. It's instant reassurance for your customers.

FACTS & FIGURES




GLOBALG.A.P. certifies producers of fruit and vegetables in the following countries:

A rgentina	1012	C hile	2677	F rance	3893	J amaica	5
A rmenia	1	C hina	177	G ermany	3465	J apan	16
A ustralia	152	C olombia	518	G hana	819	J ordan	18
A ustria	847	C osta Rica	273	G reece	10952	K enya	2021
A zerbaijan	1	C ôte d'Ivoire	497	G uadeloupe	10	K orea (South)	282
B ahrain	1	C roatia	132	G uatemala	1233	K osovo	2
B elgium	3090	C yprus	709	G uinea	45	L atvia	5
B olivia	1	C zech Republic	90	H onduras	29	L ebanon	16
B osnia/Herzegovina	537	D enmark	158	H ungary	1162	L ithuania	1
B razil	327	D ominican Republic	943	I ndia	2829	M acedonia	14
B ulgaria	18	E cador	772	I ndonesia	2	M adagascar	205
B urkina Faso	131	E gypt	563	I reland	46	M alaysia	12
C ameroon	31	E thiopia	16	I srael	1354	M ali	156
C anada	19	F inland	1	I taly	19508	M alta	62

M artinique	2	S lovenia	26
M auritius	1	S outh Africa	1787
M exico	324	S pain	15919
M oldova	2	S ri Lanka	2
M orocco	443	S udan	1
M ozambique	325	S uriname	1
N amibia	25	S waziland	5
N etherlands	5125	S weden	14
N ew Zealand	1506	S witzerland	17
N icaragua	2	T ajikistan	5
N orway	22	T anzania	27
O man	1	T hailand	396
P akistan	44	T unisia	226
P alestinian Territories	210	T urkey	2534
P anama	48	U ganda	2
P eru	2512	U kraine	3
P hilippines	8	U nited Arab Emirates	1
P oland	1770	U nited Kingdom	4
P ortugal	548	U nited States	900
P uerto Rico	4	U ruguay	62
R omania	36	V enezuela	1
S audi Arabia	2	V ietnam	185
S enegal	101	Z ambia	1
S erbia/Montenegro	295	Z imbabwe	17
S lovakia	13	T otal	97361


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