AGRICULTURAL AUDIT SERVICES
ENSURING FOOD SAFETY

SGS

Food safety and quality are increasingly under the scrutiny of regulators and consumers. SGS provides efficient solutions to help safeguard quality and safety throughout all the stages of the global food supply chains.

GLOBAL G.A.P. CERTIFICATION

Whether you are an independent farmer or part of a group with a management structure, GlobalGAP certification signifies your commitment to the safety and sustainability of your produce.

Compliance with GlobalGAP standards ensures that food products are safe and farmed or raised in a sustainable manner, which results in minimizing detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations, reducing the use of chemical inputs and ensuring a responsible approach to worker health and safety.

GlobalGAP exists as an equal partnership between agricultural producers and retailers to establish widely accepted certification standards and procedures for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP).

Members consist of farmers, ranchers, product marketing organizations (PMO), grower's cooperatives, food manufacturers and retailers. The GlobalGAP standard and its certification system are approved by the Technical and Standards Committees working in each product sector (Crops, Livestock and Aquaculture), which in turn is supported by FoodPLUS, the GlobalGAP secretariat based in Germany.

INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE STANDARD

SGS is accredited to certify companies in North America under the Fruit and Vegetables scope and the Combinable Crops scope of the Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard.

The GlobalGAP IFA Standard is a pre-farm gate or on-farm standard that covers the certification of the whole agricultural production process of the product from before planting to non-processed product.

PRIMARY FARM ASSURANCE

GlobalGAP's Primary Farm Assurance (PFA) standard is a stepping stone for producers, offering a checklist that includes a sub-set of the control points in the IFA standard.

There are two main PFA levels available. Foundation level is for producers with few safety risks who sell primarily on a local level. Intermediary level is accepted by select retailers and includes more food safety elements.

GFSI CERTIFICATION

SGS endorses the efforts of the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) to improve supply chain efficiency by encouraging retailers and food service companies around the world to accept recognized audit standards, including BRC, FSSC 22000, IFS, and SQF,

OTHER CERTIFICATION SCHEMES

SGS certifies against a wide range of other internationally-acknowledged standards including Tesco NURTURE, ISO, AHA, HACCP and GMP.

SECOND-PARTY AUDITS

Another option is a second-party audit approach whereby a company hires an independent auditing company such as SGS to perform internal audits on behalf of the company. The audit scheme can be customized according to client requirements or based on an SGS Checklist specific to the client's industry.

CONTACT DETAILS

SGS Brookings
236 32nd Avenue
Brookings SD 57006
T: (877) 692-7611
F: (605) 692-0977
E: naagri.auditservices@sgs.com

SGS IS THE WORLD'S LEADING INSPECTION, VERIFICATION, TESTING AND CERTIFICATION COMPANY.

WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

SGS