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Rules for Parallel Ownership

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document, part of the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations, applies to the Integrated Farm Assurance standard version 6, Smart edition (IFA v6 Smart), and any other GLOBALG.A.P. standards/add-ons in which this document is referenced.

The term “shall” is used throughout the GLOBALG.A.P. normative documents to indicate mandatory provisions.

Note: In previous versions parallel ownership was referred to as parallel production (PP) and parallel ownership (PO). In this version it is now collectively called parallel ownership (PO).

In cases of PO, individual producers, producer groups, or producer group members own the same product partly as originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and partly as originating from noncertified production processes. This can occur if they produce or buy products originating from noncertified production processes of the same product they produce and have registered for certification.

If not all members of a producer group producing a product that is registered for certification are included in the scope of the certificate, PO also applies.

The following are not considered cases of PO:

- An individual producer produces one product originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and another product originating from noncertified production processes (e.g., apples originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and pears originating from noncertified production processes).
- An individual producer/producer group buys additional products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes from another producer with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes.
- A producer with products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes handles products for a producer with products originating from noncertified production processes as a subcontractor (i.e., the producer with certified production processes does not buy the products originating from noncertified production processes).

2 REGISTRATION

Any applicant owning products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes (of the same product) at any time shall register for PO. In addition to the requirements in “GLOBALG.A.P. registration data requirements,” PO shall be declared for each product to which it applies.

If an applicant wants to register for PO at the beginning of the season because they are not sure whether they will buy or produce products originating from noncertified production processes as well (and they didn't have PO in the previous season), certification bodies (CBs) shall assess whether the traceability and segregation procedures are in place and ready for implementation. Once the purchase or harvest of products originating from noncertified production processes begins, the individual producer/producer group shall immediately inform their CBs, and CBs shall require evidence of implementation of traceability and segregation procedures (by documentation or by on-site CB audit).



3 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

The GLOBALG.A.P. identification number (e.g., GGN_1234567890123) is used to validate the certificate. The GLOBALG.A.P. identification number consists of a prefix identifying the specific standard followed by a 13-digit number automatically generated by the GLOBALG.A.P. IT platform.

The individual producer/producer group registered for PO shall identify all final ready-to-be-sold products (either from farm level or after product handling) with the individual producer's/producer group's GLOBALG.A.P. identification number if the product originates from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes. The GLOBALG.A.P. identification number shall not be used to label products originating from noncertified production processes.

In the cases of multisite producers with a QMS and producer groups, the QMS shall ensure correct use of the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number.

In the case of IFA v6 Smart producer groups, the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number used to identify all final ready-to-be-sold products can be the one of the producer group, the one of the producer group member who produced the product, or both identification numbers. If producer group members pack and label the product, the producer group may require those members to include the producer group's GLOBALG.A.P. identification number, with or without the identification number of the particular producer group member. In the case of individual producers (multisite or not), the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number shall be the one of the individual producer. The GLOBALG.A.P. identification number shall be used on the smallest individually packed unit, regardless of whether this unit is final consumer packaging or not.

PO shall be specified on the individual producer's/producer group's certificate and shall be visible in the online validation of the GLOBALG.A.P. IT platform.

4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All products shall be traceable to the respective production site/product handling unit (PHU), and products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and those originating from noncertified production processes shall be fully segregated at all times. The individual producer/producer group shall be able to demonstrate that their traceability and recording system guarantees full traceability and segregation.

The CB audit report shall contain information on PO and its implementation.

Products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes can be handled within the same PHU.

Production of products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes in one production site is not allowed.

In the aquaculture scope, although the production of products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes on the same production site is not allowed, Agraya GmbH may grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

In the plants scope, production of products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes in the same production site is not allowed unless there are distinctive visible differences detectable by the average consumer between the products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes (e.g., cherry tomatoes vs. Roma tomatoes).

For the flowers and ornamentals product category, PO definitions are as follows:

PO is applicable if an individual producer, producer group, or producer group member grows the same species partly with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and partly with noncertified production processes. It is also applicable when a producer group grows a species that is registered for certification, but not all members of the producer group are included in the scope of the certificate.

Example: A producer grows roses, and only a part of the rose production is certified.

If an individual producer, producer group, or producer group member grows one species with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and another species with noncertified production processes, this is not considered a case of PO.

Example: A producer grows roses with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and carnations with noncertified production processes.

If an individual producer, producer group, or producer group member buys products originating from noncertified production processes of the same species they grow with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes, this is considered a case of PO.

Example: A producer grows roses with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and buys roses originating from noncertified production processes from one or more other producers.

5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PO IN THE GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFICATE

PO is an attribute to be included for each product in the GLOBALG.A.P. certificate, where applicable. In this case, all producer group members or production sites and PHUs with products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes shall be listed in the certificate annex.

Products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes shall always be listed according to the GLOBALG.A.P. product list. In the case of PO, more detailed information shall be included: Variety (e.g., banana – Cavendish) or species (e.g., indoor grown flowers – roses).

In the certificate annex, PO shall be declared per producer group member, production site, and/or PHU, and per product.

Having IFA v6 Smart and IFA v6 GFS certification at the same time is considered PO.

Whenever the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number is used for products originating from production processes certified to IFA v6 GFS, the GFS extension shall be used (e.g., GGN_1234567890123_GFS).



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If the changes do not introduce new requirements to the standard, the version will remain “5.0” and an edition update shall be indicated with “5.0-x”. If the changes do affect compliance with the standard, the version name will change to “5.x”. A new version, e.g., v6.0, v7.0, etc., will always affect the accreditation of the standard.

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