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The Global Partnership for Safe and Sustainable Agriculture

Presentation for the Workshop:

Food Quality Assurance and Certification Schemes Managed within and Integrated Supply chain

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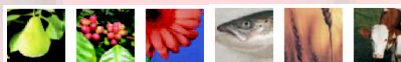
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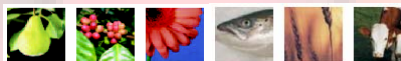
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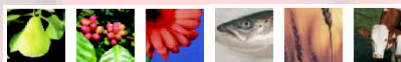
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- ✓ Representatives of the Food Chain
- ✓ EurepGAP certification
- ✓ Conclusions

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✓ BACKGROUND

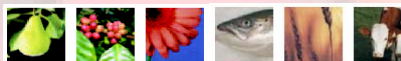
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BACKGROUND

- Food Safety Crisis (BSE, Dioxin, E. coli, Salmonella, etc.)
- Consumers demand confidence in the food they eat.
- Media pressure.
- Name and shame policy in some countries.
- Retailers are the direct link to the consumers in the Food Chain.
- Retailers responsibility (due diligence legislation in some countries) and market differentiation (retailer labels).
- Retailers respond to consumers' demands.

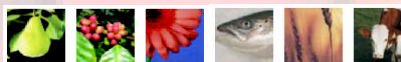
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BACKGROUND

Initial Situation:

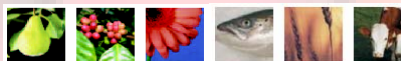
- Retailers perform inspections themselves, based on their own specifications.
- Duplication of audit activities.
- High variance of auditor qualification.
- Inconsistency in audit content and results, often affecting producers.



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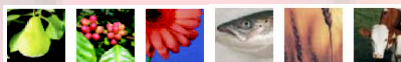
Solutions Foreseen:

- Harmonize Retailers requirements for GAP.
- Harmonize audit content.
- Exchange audit results and recognize outcomes.
- Set auditors' qualification level.



✓WHAT IS EUREPGAP?

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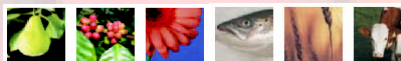
WHAT IS EUREPGAP?

EUREP:

Euro Retailer Fresh Produce Working Group

Group of leader retailers established in 1997 with the main purpose to agree on standards and procedures for developing and harmonizing Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) standards globally.

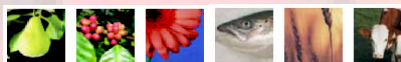
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WHAT IS EUREPGAP?

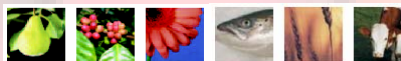
EurepGAP Certification Scopes:

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Integrated Farm Assurance (combinable crops, cattle & sheep, Dairy, Poultry, Pigs)
- Integrated Aquaculture Assurance
- Flower and ornamental
- (Green) Coffee



EUREPGAP GUIDING PRINCIPLES

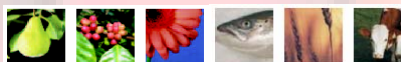
- Protocol: Food safety standards, Environmental Protection, Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare
- Stakeholder Consultation / Communication
- Integrity of Certification process (ISO 65 / EN45011)
- Open Access to all producers (Voluntary and No Discriminatory)
- Mutual Recognition on a Transparent Basis (Benchmarking)



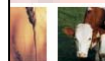
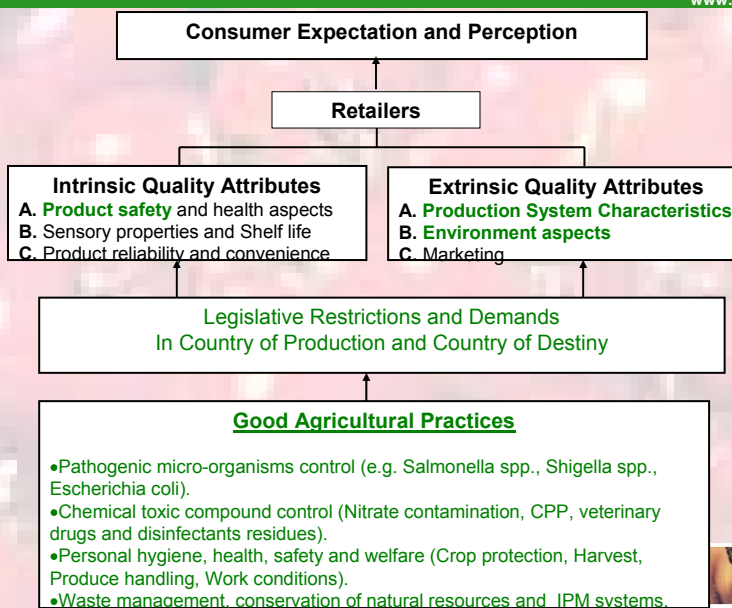
NORMATIVE DOCUMENTS

- EUREPGAP General Regulations (V.2.1-Jan04)
- EUREPGAP Control Points and Compliance Criteria.
- EUREPGAP Checklist

All documents public available at: www.eurep.org

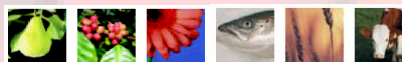


Quality Definition



✓ REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOOD CHAIN

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Retail / Food Service Members



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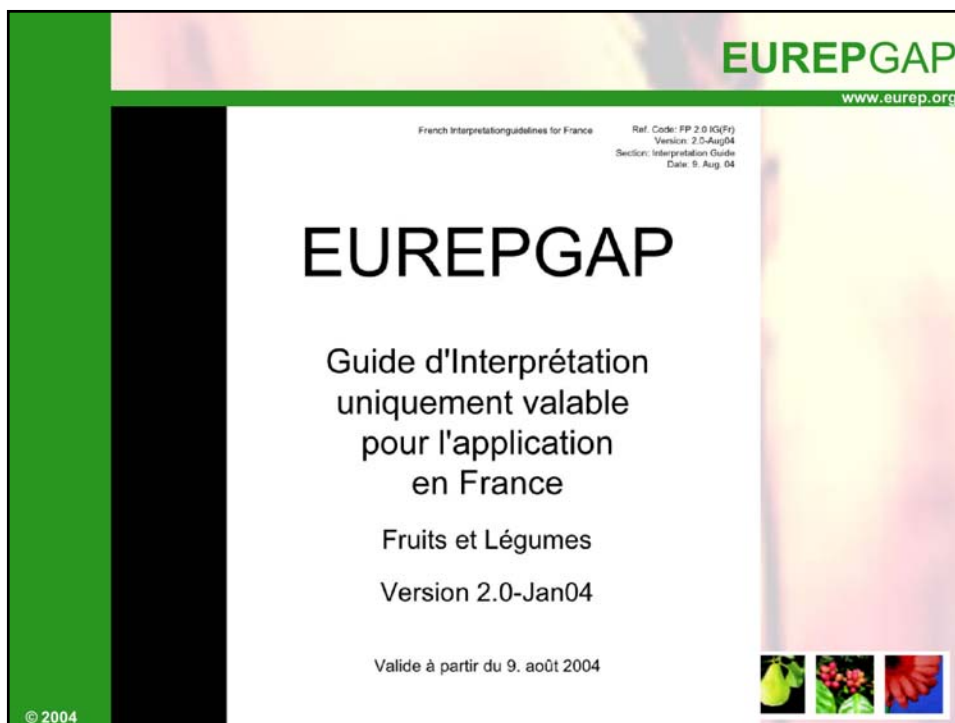
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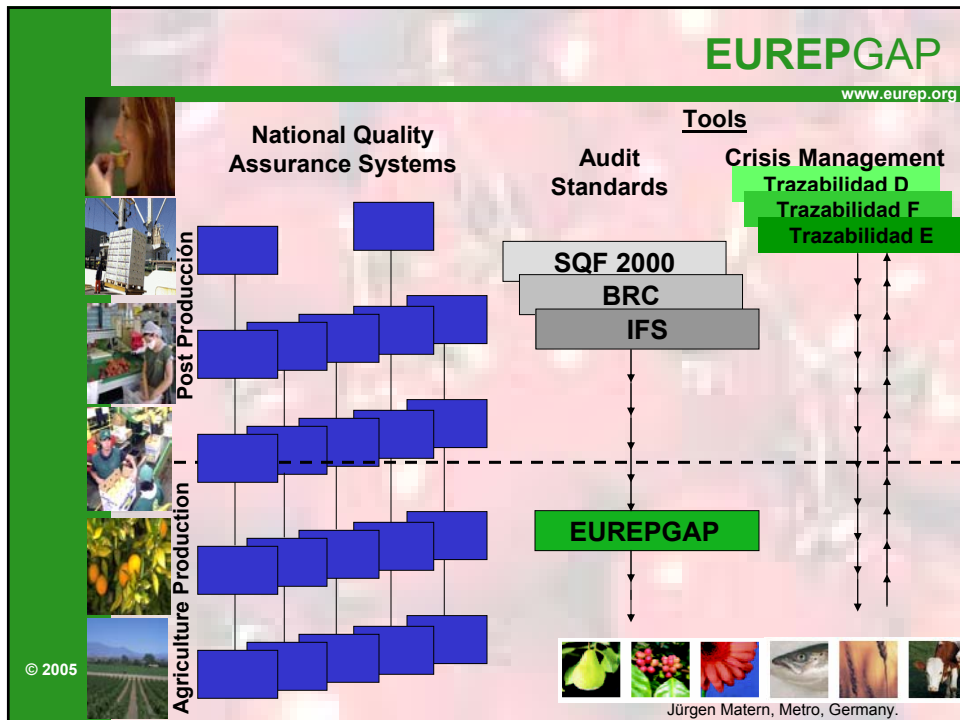


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BENCHMARKING

Original Check List
EUREPGAP

Check List of Applicant Scheme
(English Translation)

Check List of Applicant Scheme
(Original Language)

Assessment of
Equivalence

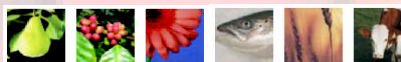
EUREPGAP			BENCHMARKED SCHEME						
Section	Control Point	Level	Section	Control Point	Level	Original Version	YES	NO	N/A*
1.1	Is EUREPGAP registered products traceable to the registered farm where it has been grown?	Major Must	3.2.4	All the products must be traceable to the farm a base where they have been grown.	Critical	Todos los productos se pueden rastrear a la parcela de la que proceden.	x		
2.1	Are all records requested along the inspection kept for a period of time of two years?	Minor Must	8.2	All records are kept for at least 36 months.	Critical	Todos los registros se almacenan durante al menos 36 meses.	x		
3.b.1	Is there a document that guarantees seed quality (free from injurious pests, diseases, virus, ...) and that states germination rate, variety name, batch number and seed vendor?	Should							x

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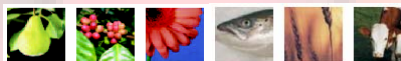
BENCHMARKING

- Transparent procedure and rules (Benchmarking Extranet)
- Independent external evaluation
- Document evaluation and witness assessment
- Chance for appeal procedure
- Robust tool of recognition

✓ 15 schemes currently in Benchmarking Process.

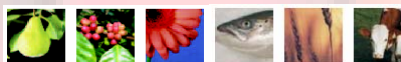


✓ **EurepGAP CERTIFICATION**



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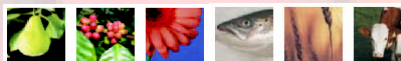
- Open to all Certification Bodies (CB Extranet)
- Accreditation ISO 65 / EN45011
- Accreditation Bodies EA/IAF- MLA
- Harmonization of Auditor qualifications
- Interactive communication (New EurepGAP Database)



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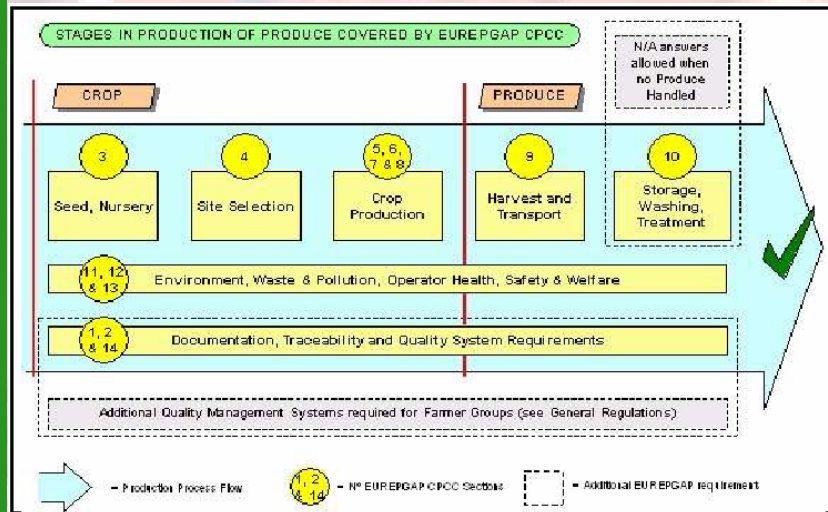
Fruit and Vegetables

- Around 80 approved CBs operating Globally
- 22,000 growers certified
- 800,000 hectares
- 60 countries
- 150 different product lines

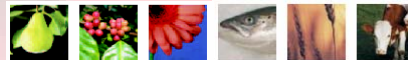


Control Points and Compliance Criteria **EUREPGAP**

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EUREPGAP CONTROL POINTS AND COMPLIANCE CRITERIA

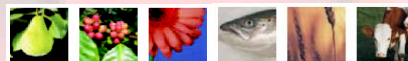
214 control points distributed in the following way:

49 MAJOR MUSTS

99 MINOR MUSTS

66 RECOMMENDATIONS

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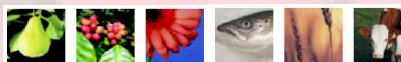


COMPLIANCE LEVELS

a) MAJOR MUSTS 100% COMPLIANCE

b) MINOR MUSTS 95% COMPLIANCE

c) RECOMENDATIONS



EUREPGAP CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

OPTION 1

Individual Certification

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OPTION 2

Group Certification

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OPTION 3

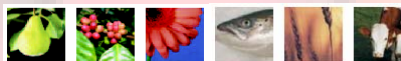
Individual Certification

Benchmarked scheme

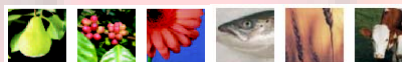
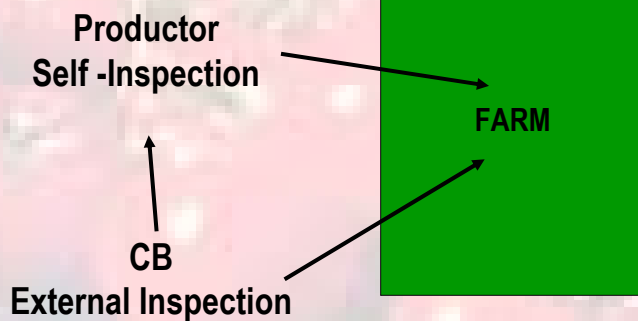
OPTION 4

Group Certification

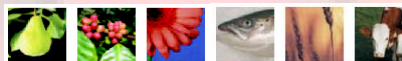
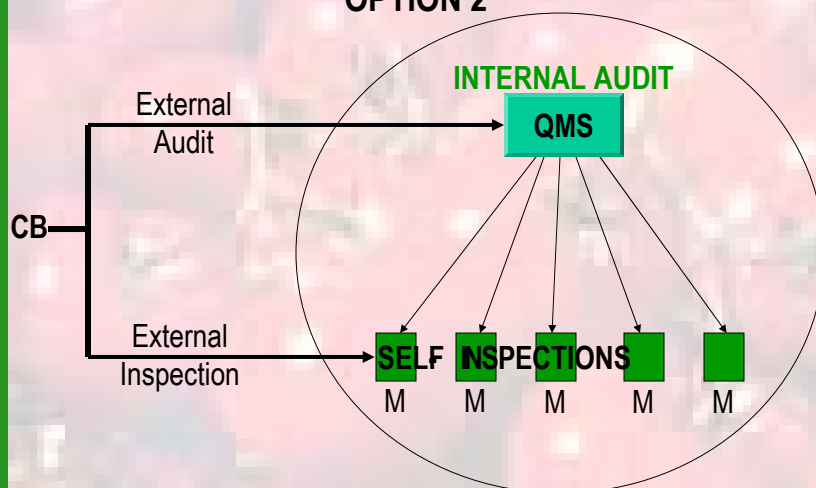
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OPTION 1

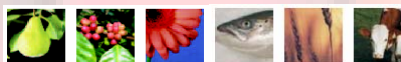


OPTION 2



CONCLUSIONS

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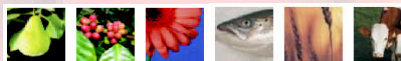
CONCLUSIONS

Being global is not an easy target:

- Global certification implies wider communication with large number of CBS.
- Not all countries have the same starting point.

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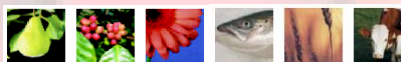


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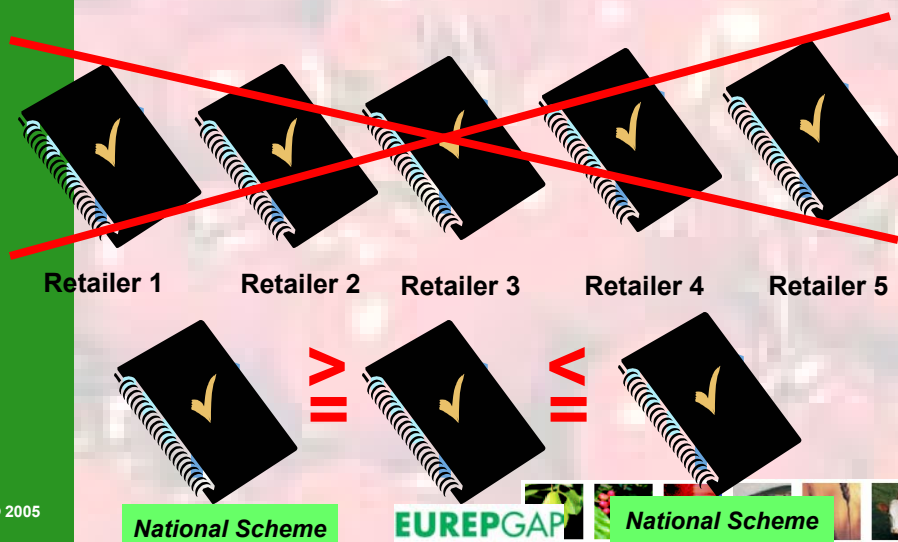
EurepGAP BENEFITS...

- Contributes to sustainable agricultural production on the global level.
- Management Improvement of Farms.
- Value Added for Products.
- Embraces small scale farming to market access.

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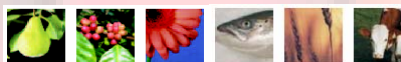
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CONCLUSIONS

Stakeholders' Message...

- Global harmonisation of Farm Assurance Standards including benchmarking is a clear role for EurepGAP.
- National Schemes are the backbone of a vertically integrated QA system throughout the supply chain and are NOT challenge by EurepGAP in their existence, but they must use the knowledge of the market including the international standards like EurepGAP and IFS/BRC

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