EUREP GAP
The Global Partnership for Safe and Sustainable Agriculture
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Food Quality Assurance and Certification Schemes Managed within and Integrated Supply chain
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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.
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.

Solutions Foreseen:
- Harmonize Retailers requirements for GAP.
- Harmonize audit content.
- Exchange audit results and recognize outcomes.
- Set auditors’ qualification level.
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.
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

EUREP GAP 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)
Quality Definition

Consumer Expectation and Perception

Retailers

Intrinsic Quality Attributes
A. Product safety and health aspects
B. Sensory properties and Shelf life
C. Product reliability and convenience

Extrinsic Quality Attributes
A. Production System Characteristics
B. Environment aspects
C. Marketing

Legislative Restrictions and Demands
In Country of Production and Country of Destiny

Good Agricultural Practices
- Pathogenic micro-organisms control (e.g. Salmonella spp., Shigella spp., Escherichia coli).
- Chemical toxic compound control (Nitrate contamination, CPP, veterinary drugs and disinfectants residues).
- Personal hygiene, health, safety and welfare (Crop protection, Harvest, Produce handling, Work conditions).
- Waste management, conservation of natural resources and IPM systems.
✓ REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOOD CHAIN

Retail / Food Service Members

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Guidelines for implementing EUREPGAP® for Australian fresh fruit and vegetable producers
### BENCHMARKING

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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
EUREPGAP CERTIFICATION

- 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)

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

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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  
EUREPGAP

**OPTION 2**  
Group Certification  
EUREPGAP

**OPTION 3**  
Individual Certification  
Benchmarked scheme

**OPTION 4**  
Group Certification  
Benchmarked Scheme
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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CONCLUSIONS

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.

COSTS REDUCTION FOR PRODUCERS

Retailer 1  Retailer 2  Retailer 3  Retailer 4  Retailer 5

National Scheme  EUREP GAP  National Scheme
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 challenged by EurepGAP in their existence, but they must use the knowledge of the market including the international standards like EurepGAP and IFS/BRC.

THANK YOU

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