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1 INTRODUCTION

GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for add-ons create the framework within which a producer or producer group shall comply with the add-ons' principles and criteria in addition to compliance with a GLOBALG.A.P. standard. These add-ons are voluntary and mostly customer-driven. Each add-on has its own specific principles and criteria that makes it different and customized. The results of the add-on audit do not affect the audit report of the base standard.

The basis for this document is the latest GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations (rules for individual producers, rules for producer groups and multisite producers with a quality management system (QMS), and rules for plants scope), which should be consulted while reading these GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ADD-ON

Name and version of the add-on:	GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS version 2
Common name (if applicable):	PLUS
Scope:	Plants, excluding potatoes
Scheme ID:	604
Application in country/countries:	Globally as requested by McDonald's
Add-on observers:	McDonald's: primary suppliers as indicated by McDonald's
Combinable with the following base standard(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IFA v6 Smart for fruit and vegetables <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IFA v6 GFS for fruit and vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> IFA v6 Smart for flowers and ornamentals <input type="checkbox"/> IFA v6 Smart for aquaculture (all products unless finfish are specified) <input type="checkbox"/> IFA v6 GFS for aquaculture (all products unless finfish are specified) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
List of normative documents:	GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS (this document) GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS checklist McDonald's Good Agricultural Practices GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS sanction form

3 ROLES RELATED TO THIS ADD-ON

The following stakeholders have a role in the rollout of the add-on and are defined as follows:

Producer: A person (individual) or business (company, individual producer, or producer group) that is legally responsible for the production processes and the fruit and vegetables supplied to McDonald's suppliers

Primary supplier: A McDonald's approved supplier (product processor) who has close working relationships with producers and ensures that all their producers will provide the necessary oversight to ensure full compliance with the GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS add-on.

Service provider: The entity furnishing labor, equipment, and/or materials to perform specific farm operation(s) under contract with the producer (e.g., spraying and picking of fruit).

GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS observer light: Any McDonald's primary supplier, that is, the entity that supplies products (fruit and vegetables) to McDonald's and is indicated by McDonald's. A GLOBALG.A.P. observer light shall agree to the terms and conditions for the use of the GLOBALG.A.P. bookmarking package and its fees.

GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS observer: McDonald's staff or a person/entity employed by McDonald's who has received permission from McDonald's to access the database of the PLUS add-on in accordance with the data access rules.

4 GLOBALG.A.P. GENERAL REGULATIONS SPECIFICATIONS

<p>Section (Numbering of sections 3 to 7 is based on the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.)</p>	<p>GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications for the PLUS add-on</p>
<p>3 CERTIFICATION OPTIONS</p>	
<p>Preconditions:</p>	
<p>It is possible to implement and conduct audits against the add-on for the following options (pick all applicable options):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 1 – individual producer <input type="checkbox"/> Option 3 – individual producer (<input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked scheme, <input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 1 – individual multisite producer with QMS <input type="checkbox"/> Option 3 – individual multisite producer with QMS (<input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked scheme, <input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked checklist) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 2 – producer group <input type="checkbox"/> Option 4 – producer group (<input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked scheme, <input type="checkbox"/> benchmarked checklist) 	
<p>5 REGISTRATION WITH THE CERTIFICATION BODY</p>	
<p>5.2 Registration process</p>	
<p>5.2.1 General</p>	
<p>Choice of certification body (CB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A finally approved CB for the base standard and/or add-on <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A provisionally approved CB for the base standard and/or add-on <p>The chosen CB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shall be the same CB that conducted the audit against the base standard. <input type="checkbox"/> Does <i>not</i> need to be the same CB that conducted the audit against the base standard. <p>A list of GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs is available on the GLOBALG.A.P. website. Customize the search for CBs by selecting the region, country, and scope.</p> <p>Additional info: Example of how to search for a CB with approval for the PLUS add-on on the GLOBALG.A.P. website:</p> <p> Region: show all ▾ Country: show all ▾ Scope: Add-Ons ▾ Sub-Scope: GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS Add-on ▾ </p> <p>As a precondition for obtaining a letter of conformance for the PLUS add-on, the applicant shall always complete a GRASP assessment in countries where there is an approved GRASP national interpretation guideline.</p>

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	<p>The same CB shall conduct assessments/audits for GRASP, IFA, and the PLUS add-on.</p> <p>In the initial year in which the producer has a valid IFA certificate and wants to obtain a letter of conformance for the PLUS add-on, the GRASP assessment may be conducted during the validity period of the IFA certificate.</p> <p>In those countries where there is no GRASP national interpretation guideline, the applicant shall additionally be audited against the complete PLUS supplier workplace accountability checklist/addendum.</p>
<p>Duration of the service contract</p>	<p>The duration of the service contract is agreed between the CB and the producer.</p> <p>The contract between the CB and the producer is <i>independent</i> of the contract between FoodPLUS GmbH and the owner of the add-on.</p> <p>The CB shall include this add-on as part of the GLOBALG.A.P. sublicense and certification agreement that is signed between the CB and the producer.</p> <p>Additional info: The service contract may be valid for up to four years, with subsequent renewal for periods of up to four years.</p>
<p>Registering parts of the products as originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes (parallel ownership = PO)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> PO is possible.*</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PO is not possible.</p> <p>For additional registration requirements, see “GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for parallel ownership.”</p>
<p>Additional requirements regarding the registration process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For benchmarked schemes, please contact the McDonald’s Market Supply Chain Lead/QA Lead. • The applicant shall provide the name, email address, and other contact details of the McDonald’s supplier(s) and any future subsequent supplier(s) to the CB. If the applicant does not have any contact details of the supplier(s), the registration cannot be completed. • The product scope of the PLUS add-on may be more limited than or the same as the IFA product scope. For example, a producer can have three crops registered for IFA certification, but only one of them registered for the PLUS add-on. • It is not possible to partially register a certain crop for the PLUS add-on. For example, a producer shall not register lettuce for IFA certification but include only part of the lettuce production for the PLUS add-on.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producers supplying leafy greens to McDonald’s shall always complete a GRASP assessment in countries where there is an approved GRASP guideline. In those countries where there is no GRASP guideline, the applicant shall additionally be audited against the complete PLUS supplier workplace accountability checklist/addendum. If a producer produces multiple crops (including iceberg lettuce for McDonald’s), the risk assessment shall demonstrate that control measures to mitigate food safety risks are in place and effective. • When the producer registers for PO, IFA v6 principles and criteria FV-Smart/GFS 07 (Parallel ownership, traceability, and segregation) and FV-Smart/GFS 08 (mass balance), and expectation 9.0 in the PLUS add-on checklist are applicable. • If a producer excludes harvest from the registration, this producer can still apply for IFA certification, but not for a CB audit against the PLUS add-on. Harvest activities shall be observed during an audit against the PLUS add-on. • Producers may apply for the PLUS add-on irrespective of whether product handling is included or not, same as for IFA certification. • The product handling inclusion or exclusion shall follow the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.
<p>6 AUDIT PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS (OPTION 1 OR OPTION 3)</p>	
<p>6.1 Self-assessments</p>	
<p>General</p>	<p>Self-assessments are:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required against all the principles and criteria, and follow all the rules in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not required</p> <p>Additional info: Self-assessment shall include all requirements of the PLUS checklist.</p>
<p>6.2 CB audits</p>	
<p>Announced CB audits</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p>Additional info: The same CB that conducts the IFA audit and GRASP assessment (where applicable) shall conduct the PLUS audit. The CB may develop its own checklist that includes all the contents of the IFA standard and the PLUS add-on requirements. However, once the PLUS audit is made available</p>

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	<p>in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems, the CB shall only register and conduct the audit within this system.</p> <p>The PLUS audit, the IFA audit, and the GRASP assessment can be conducted by two different auditors of the same CB.</p>
<p>Unannounced CB audits</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Together with the audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p>Additional info: If the CB conducts an unannounced IFA audit, it shall include an audit against the PLUS add-on.</p>
<p>Off-site and on-site stages</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB audit against the add-on is possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB audit against the add-on is <i>not</i> possible and the audit shall be conducted on site only.</p> <p>Additional info: The CB audit against the PLUS add-on shall always be conducted together with the CB audit against IFA.</p>
<p>Remote CB audits</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote audit procedure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not allowed</p> <p>Additional info: If a remote CB audit is necessary, please contact McDonald's Global Quality System Lead.</p>
<p>CB audit duration</p>	<p>The duration of the CB audit against the add-on depends on the size of the farm and the complexity of the production activities and will be in the range of approximately 3–8 hours.</p>
<p>CB audit timing</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p>Additional info: The CB audit against the PLUS add-on shall always take place when the product is being grown and harvested.</p>
<p>6.3 Initial and subsequent CB audits</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p>Additional info: The CB audit against the PLUS add-on shall always be conducted together with the CB audit against IFA.</p>	

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<p>The only exception is that for the initial CB audit against the PLUS add-on. When a producer needs the PLUS letter of conformance before the recertification audit against IFA, the PLUS audit may be conducted at a different time than the IFA audit. This initial CB audit may be conducted by the same CB or by a different CB than the one who issued the IFA certificate. In these cases, the expiry date of the PLUS letter of conformance shall be the same as the IFA certificate, so as to ensure that compliance with the PLUS add-on can be tracked.</p>	
<p>6 AUDIT PROCESS – PRODUCER GROUPS (OPTION 2 OR OPTION 4) OR INDIVIDUAL MULTISITE PRODUCERS WITH QMS (OPTION 1 OR OPTION 3) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>N/A for producer groups or individual multisite producers with QMS</i></p>	
<p>6.1 Internal audits</p>	
<p>General</p>	<p>Internal audits are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required against all the principles and criteria and follow all the rules in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Required but follow different rules than the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations: <input type="checkbox"/> Not required <p>Additional info: The PLUS audit shall always be conducted together with the IFA audit.</p>
<p>Internal QMS auditor requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Additional qualifications:
<p>Internal farm auditor requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Additional qualifications:
<p>6.2 CB audits</p>	
<p>Announced CB QMS audits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations, together with the CB audit against the base standard <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: <p>Additional info: The PLUS audit shall always be conducted together with the IFA audit.</p>
<p>Unannounced CB QMS audits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recertification audit together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:

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	Additional info: If a CB conducts an unannounced audit against IFA, it shall include an audit against the PLUS add-on.
CB farm audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Together with the audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Specific rules that are different from the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations, please specify: Additional info: The PLUS audit shall always be conducted together with the IFA audit (production sites/producer group member audits and QMS audit). The same sampling procedure as in the case of IFA (for Option 2 producer groups and Option 1 multisites with a QMS) shall be followed.
Off-site and on-site stages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB QMS audit against the add-on is possible, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Splitting the CB QMS audit against the add-on is <i>not</i> possible and the audit shall be conducted on site only. Additional info:
Remote CB audits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible together with the CB audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. Full Remote audit procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Not allowed <input type="checkbox"/> Additional info:
CB farm and QMS audit duration	The duration of the CB audit against the add-on depends on the size of the farm and the complexity of the production activities and will be in the range of approximately three to eight hours.
CB audit timing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Together with the audit against the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Additional info: The PLUS audit shall always take place when the product is being grown and harvested.
6.3 Initial and subsequent CB audits	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Additional info: For initial and subsequent CB audits, the rules for producer groups and individual multisite producers with QMS are the same as for individual single site producers.	

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<p>7 CERTIFICATION PROCESS</p>	
<p>7.1 Requirements for achieving GLOBALG.A.P. certification</p>	
<p>7.1.1 Certification rules</p>	
<p>Compliance system</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Major Musts, Minor Musts, and Recommendations</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p>Additional info: All control points are Major Musts.</p> <p>100% compliance with the PLUS add-on checklist is required.</p> <p>The CB audit report will show how many control points have been complied with and how many have not.</p> <p>Whenever a CB auditor detects a non-conformance against the PLUS add-on and/or the IFA checklist and that non-conformance has an immediate effect on the food safety of the product(s), the CB shall report this situation to the McDonald's producer and supplier on the day of the audit. If the non-conformance does not have an immediate effect on food safety, the CB has a maximum of two working days to notify the producer and primary supplier.</p> <p>Based on the CB audit report, there shall be an action plan that is discussed with the suppliers.</p> <p>Non-conformances detected during the PLUS audit shall be part of a corrective action plan (CAP) and be discussed with the suppliers and aligned with suppliers.</p> <p>If the CAP is acceptable, advise producer(s) to submit the final CAP to the CB.</p> <p><u>If the CAP is not acceptable</u>, return it to the producer for improvements. After the producer has revised the CAP, they can resubmit it to the primary supplier.</p> <p>Suppliers shall manage the results from the action report and closure of corrective actions.</p> <p>Producers shall also forward the CAP to the CB.</p> <p>The timeline for determining whether or not the CAP is working (closure of CAP) is dependent on the complexity of the non-conformance. The CAP closure timeline shall be agreed between the primary supplier and the producer.</p> <p>The result of the PLUS audit does <i>not</i> influence the outcome of the IFA audit.</p>

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<p>7.1.2 Minor Must compliance calculation</p>	
<p>Compliance levels for CB farm audits</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 100% compliance with Major Musts, 95% compliance with Minor Musts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: 100% compliance with all expectations of the GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS add-on checklist.</p>
<p>Compliance levels for CB QMS audits (if applicable)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% compliance with the QMS requirements, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable if a QMS is not implemented</p>
<p>7.1.3 Decision (whether or not to issue a letter of conformance)</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The same as in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations regarding decision-making and the audit report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Different rules regarding decision-making and the audit report, please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The same person that reviews the report may make the certification decision.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The same person that reviews the report <i>shall not</i> take the certification decision.</p> <p>Additional info:</p>	
<p>7.2 Letter of conformance</p> <p>Instead of a certificate, the individual producer or producer group receives a letter of conformance. See Annex II of this document.</p> <p>Additional info: The CB shall use the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems (Validation Service) to issue a letter of conformance after uploading the audit report to the Audit Online Hub (AOH), provided the compliance level is reached by the producer. A letter of conformance will be issued with the same validity as the IFA certificate.</p> <p>The PLUS letter of conformance may be issued and the validity maintained only as long as the producer is a holder of a valid IFA certificate for the plants scope.</p> <p>An extension can be granted for a maximum of four months, but shall be granted on a case-by-case basis and shall be agreed between the supplier and producer. McDonald's shall be informed of any extensions granted.</p>	

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<p>7.3 Letter of conformance validity extension</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Together with the base standard, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations <input type="checkbox"/> No extension allowed</p>	
<p>7.4.3 Sanctions</p>	
<p>Corrective action following initial CB audit</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rules for closing non-conformances follow the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Different rules apply, please specify: Additional info: To report any non-conformances detected, the CB shall use the official GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS sanction form and follow the instructions written on it. The official GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS sanction form is available on the GLOBALG.A.P. CB Extranet.</p>
<p>Corrective action following subsequent CB audits</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-conformances shall be closed within 28 calendar days, as per the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-conformances shall be closed within X calendar days. <input type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary to implement corrective action within a certain period of time. Additional info:</p>
<p>CB REQUIREMENTS</p>	
<p>General</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The GLOBALG.A.P. approved CB has: a) Registered for the new add-on in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems b) Submitted a letter of intent in English to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat (obsolete for registration through CB-AT) c) Paid an annual registration fee according to the GLOBALG.A.P. fee table for conducting audits against the add-on d) Assigned the add-on in CB-AT to the auditors so they can complete any applicable online tests <input type="checkbox"/> The CB approval process is different, please specify:</p>
<p>CB auditor approval</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditors from GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs that are already approved to conduct audits against IFA, or schemes successfully benchmarked to the specific product category</p>

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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Auditors from GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs that already conduct audits against not accredited standards</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In addition to the IFA approval, the in-house trainer shall conduct one witness audit against the add-on.</p> <p>Additional info: -</p>
<p>CB auditor qualifications</p>	<p>If other requirements as indicated in the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations – Rules for certification bodies apply, please specify:</p> <p>CB auditors shall have at least three years' experience in fruit and vegetable production or auditing, and the CB shall witness applicant auditors for approval.</p> <p>Applicant CB auditors shall first need to complete the McDonald's online training "Produce food safety training" and pass the proficiency test. Applicant CB auditors shall present the certificate issued by McDonald's to the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat in order to be approved.</p> <p>CB auditors shall attend the online training and pass the test annually via https://elearning.sqmsv.com/ or contact elearning@diversey.com</p>
<p>CERTIFICATION INTEGRITY PROGRAM</p>	
<p>The possibility of adding the Certification Integrity Program (CIPRO) to the add-on shall be clarified</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>ADD-ON LOGO USE</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No PLUS add-on logo available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A(n) PLUS add-on logo is available that shall be used as per the following rules:</p>	
<p>DATA ACCESS RULES</p>	
<p>Rules regarding data access</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> GLOBALG.A.P. data access rules in its current version</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional or other data access rules, see Annex I, "Data access rules"</p>

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<p>FEES</p>	
<p>Add-on fees</p>	<p>GLOBALG.A.P. system participation fees for this add-on shall be charged in addition to the base standard fees (see the GLOBALG.A.P. fee table). The producer shall not pay any fees directly to the supplier or service provider. Fees are payable to the CBs only.</p> <p>Add-on fees for producers, depending on the applicable scope:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Per producer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 or 3: €40 per producer • Option 2 or 4 (or Option 1 or 3 with QMS): €70 per producer group or producer with QMS + €1 per producer group member or production site <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flat fee, please specify: € XY</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL RULES</p>	
<p>Any additional rule(s)/requirement(s):</p>	<p>Audit Online Hub (AOH) use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBs shall use the AOH to enter the CB audit report, including the non-conformances. The PLUS checklist shall be available in the AOH no later than 10 working days from the CB audit closing date, where the status reflects “Pending CA/Result” (or any later status) of the audit report once entered to AOH. • The AOH audit report shall be updated by the CB where necessary, e.g., with the corrective and preventive action plan and closure of any open non-conformances. <p>While the CB audit against the PLUS add-on v2 cannot yet be conducted in AOH, CBs shall complete the PLUS checklist and upload it to AOH. For the IFA checklist, CBs may use their own checklist template, but note that only documents in Microsoft Excel format can be uploaded to AOH. Documents that shall be accessible to McDonald’s/Primary Suppliers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PLUS checklist, including the non-conformances, shall be visible to primary suppliers (only for those GGNs they receive products from) and McDonald’s (all GGNs from producers participating in the PLUS add-on) no later than 10 working days from the CB audit closing date.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any modification of the CB audit report in AOH (e.g., when modified during the closure of any non-conformances, completed checklist with comments) shall be visible to suppliers. The CB audit report export from the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems shall also reflect the information that is shared with McDonald's and primary suppliers. <p>In Option 2, the QMS checklist, which includes the summary of the results of the audit and the checklist of each selected producer group member audit, shall be visible in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems.</p>

ANNEX I DATA ACCESS RULES

1 INTRODUCTION

These are the data access rules for the PLUS add-on.

- This is a public solution and is therefore visible to the public.
- This is a private solution and is therefore not visible to the public.

2 ADD-ON DATA/ADD-ON VISIBILITY

	Data access groups				
	GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat	CB	PLUS add-on observer light	PLUS add-on observer	Public user
PLUS add-on	x	x	x	x	

“x” indicates that this data is visible to users assigned to the respective data access group (made available either by the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat itself or by one of its data partners).

3 COMPANY (PRODUCER/OPERATION) DATA

	Data access groups				
	GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat	CB	PLUS add-on observer light	PLUS add-on observer	Public user
Company (producer/operation)					
Company name	x	x	x ¹⁰⁾	x ¹⁰⁾	
Company address ¹⁾	x	x	x ¹⁰⁾	x ¹⁰⁾	
Company city	x	x	x ¹⁰⁾	x ¹⁰⁾	
Company country	x	x	x	x	
Company contact information ²⁾	x	x	x	x	
Company website (if available)	x	x	x	x	
Current GLOBALG.A.P. identification number (GGN/GLN/CoC Number/PHA-N ³⁾)	x	x	x	x	

	Data access groups				
	GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat	CB	PLUS add-on observer light	PLUS add-on observer	Public user
Previous GLOBALG.A.P. identification number	x	x	x	x	
Legal registration per country ⁴⁾	x	x	x	x	
Location ⁵⁾	x	x	x	x	
CB registration number ⁶⁾	x	x	x	x	
Contact person (responsible for legal entity)					
Contact name ⁷⁾	x	x	x	x	
Contact information ²⁾	x	x	x	x	
PHU/Production site information⁸⁾					
Name of product handling unit (PHU)/production site	x	x	x ¹⁰⁾	x	
PHU/Production site address ⁹⁾	x	x	x ¹⁰⁾	x	
PHU/Production site contact information ²⁾	x	x	x	x	
Sub-GLN(s)	x	x	x	x	
Location ⁵⁾	x	x	x	x	
Products per PHU/production site	x	x	x	x	

“X” indicates that this data is visible to users assigned to the respective data access group (made available either by the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat itself or by one of its data partners).

Notes

- 1) Company address includes: street address (or information available to describe the company (producer/operation) location), postal address, postal code, and state/province
- 2) Contact information includes: telephone number and email address. Mandatory for the certificate holder (Option 1 and Option 3 individual producer and Option 2 and Option 4 producer group) and voluntary for the producer group members.
- 3) GGN: GLOBALG.A.P. Number, GLN: Global Location Number, CoC Number: Chain of Custody Number, PHA-N: number for PHA standard registered operations
- 4) Legal registration for each country is mandatory for the certificate holder (Option 1 and Option 3 individual producer and Option 2 and Option 4 producer group) and for the producer group members.

- ⁵⁾Location includes geospatial coordinate information of the physical location of the site: northern/southern latitude and eastern/western longitude in decimal format (2+5 digit format, e.g., 10.12345).
- ⁶⁾Number assigned to the company (producer/operation) by the CB
- ⁷⁾Contact name includes: title, first name, and last name
- ⁸⁾The PHU/production site information is required for each production site registered by Option 1 and Option 3 individual producers and Option 2 and Option 4 producer group members. If the producer group member is a multisite producer, each production site shall be registered with geospatial coordinates. If the physical production site is different from the legal entity address, the production location shall be registered as a production site.
- ⁹⁾PHU/Production site contact address includes: street address (or information available to describe the PHU/production site location), postal address, postal code, city, and country
- ¹⁰⁾Data is visible for Option 1 and Option 3 individual producers. Where the standard allows group certification, data is also visible for Option 2 and Option 4 producer groups (certificate holder), but not visible by default for producer group members. Producer group member data is only visible to the respective data access group if access has been granted by the producer group member.

4 PRODUCT AND CERTIFICATION DATA

	Data access groups				
	GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat	CB	PLUS add-on Observer Light	PLUS add-on Observer	Public user
Product	x	x	x	x	
Product status	x	x	x	x	
Standard version	x	x	x	x	
Certification option including multisite information	x	x	x	x	
For producer groups: number of producer group members	x	x	x	x	
Certificate validity date	x	x	x	x	
CB	x	x	x	x	
GLOBALG.A.P. certificate number	x	x	x	x	
Countries of destination	x	x	x	x	
Quantity data ¹⁾	x	x		x	
Total area of production ⁵⁾	x	x		x	

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	Data access groups				
	GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat	CB	PLUS add-on Observer Light	PLUS add-on Observer	Public user
Certification data ²⁾	x	x	x	x	
Scope-specific certification data ³⁾	x	x	x	x	
Audit checklist and result ⁴⁾	x	x		x	

“x” indicates that this data is visible to users assigned to the respective data access group (made available either by the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat itself or by one of its data partners).

Notes

¹⁾Product quantity details:

For plants: number of growing cycles for covered production; number of growing cycles for noncovered production; productive area of covered harvest in ha; productive area of noncovered harvest in ha. The productive area is the part of the production area where harvest occurs during the period covered by a valid certificate. The number of growing cycles refers to the number of crops planted on the same productive area during certificate validity.

For aquaculture: brood stock in-house, estimated organisms; seedlings (ova/juvenile) in-house, estimated organisms; farmed aquatic species, annual quantity in metric tons at point of harvest

²⁾Data includes “valid from” date of the certificate and the date of the certification decision.

³⁾Details of the recorded scope-specific certification data:

For plants: audit conducted remotely (yes/no); harvest included/excluded; product handling included; ownership/purchase of certified and noncertified products*; production of certified and noncertified products; does the producer buy certified products from external sources (if yes, additionally GGN, quantity, and unit are collected)

*The term “certified product” refers to products originating from farms with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes or a benchmarked equivalent

For aquaculture: audit conducted remotely (yes/no); postharvest activity? (if yes: species that are processed); brood stock additionally purchased?; seedlings (ova) additionally purchased?; seedlings (juvenile) additionally purchased?; feed supplied (internally or externally)?; ownership/purchase of products originating from certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes; production of products originating from certified production processes and products originating from noncertified production processes; no use of antimicrobials in the last certification cycle (grow-out phase)?

⁴⁾Audit checklist and audit details may include date of audit, audit checklist, non-conformances and non-compliances, audit notes, summary calculation, audit locations and samples, production sites/producer group members, audit duration, audit personnel, audit evidence and justifications, audit type, additional variety of the product, trade attribute or audit status

⁵⁾Details of the recorded scope-specific certification data:

For plants: The production area (total area of production) is the surface where a crop registered for certification is cultivated. It is the total covered and noncovered area of production including the noncertified area and not limited to the productive area (i.e., the area that is actually harvested within the certification cycle) per product.

ANNEX II ADD-ON LETTER OF CONFORMANCE TEMPLATE

CB logo¹

GLOBALG.A.P. identification number: (GGN) xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx²

**GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS ADD-ON³
LETTER OF CONFORMANCE**

According to the GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS add-on

Option X⁴

Issued to

Producer group/Individual producer
company name, address⁵

Country of production⁶

The annex contains details of the producer group members/production sites/product handling units included in the scope of this letter of conformance.⁷

The certification body [company name] declares that the production of the products mentioned on this letter of conformance has been found to be compliant in accordance with the GLOBALG.A.P. PLUS add-on:

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Product ⁹	Harvest included/excluded, product handling included/excluded ¹⁰	Number of producer group members/production sites ¹¹

Date of CB audit¹²:

Valid from: xx/xx/xxxx¹³

Valid to: xx/xx/xxxx¹⁴

CB contact data¹⁷

Company name, address (incl. email)

Authorized by¹⁵

Date of approval decision: xx/xx/xxxx¹⁶

ANNEX for GLOBALG.A.P. Identification Number: (GGN) xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx¹⁹

Date of CB audit: xx/xx/xxxx¹²

Producer group members (Option 2)²⁰

GLOBALG.A.P. identification number/GLN²¹	Producer group member name and address²²	Product(s)²³

Production sites (Option 1 individual multisite producer with QMS)²⁵

Production site name and address²⁶	Product(s)²⁴

Product handling units (PHUs)²⁷

GLOBALG.A.P. identification number/GLN²⁸	PHU name and address²⁹	Product(s)²³

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Notes

The letter of conformance (LoC) *shall be in English*. A second language may be added in the LoC.

- 1 The certification body (CB) logo shall appear on all LoCs.
- 2 The GLOBALG.A.P. identification number (GGN) shall appear on all LoCs.
- 3 Name of the add-on
- 4 The options shall appear on the LoC as follows:
 - “Option 1 – individual producer”
 - “Option 1 – individual multisite producer without QMS”
 - “Option 1 – individual multisite producer with QMS”
 - “Option 2 – producer group”
- 5 The name of the LoC holder (legal entity) and the address. The address includes that of the legal entity and that of the production site. If these are different, and there is only one site, the site address can be included on the LoC or in the annex. For individual multisite producers (with/without QMS), the addresses of the registered production sites shall be listed in the LoC annex.
- 6 The country of production shall appear on all LoCs.
- 7 Only applicable if any of the following is true:
 - a) The LoC holder is an Option 2 producer group. All producer group members shall be listed in the annex.
 - b) Product handling* or packing is included in the scope of the LoC. If the address of the PHU is different, all product packing and handling unit(s) shall be listed in the annex.
 - c) The LoC refers to an Option 1 individual multisite producer (with/without QMS). All production sites of the producer shall be listed in the annex.

*Product handling definition:
Any type of postharvest handling of products, such as storage, chemical treatment, trimming, washing, or any other handling in which a harvested product may have physical contact with other materials or substances.
- 8 Version of the PLUS add-on
- 9 The product that complies with all the applicable requirements.
- 10 Indicate if harvest is included/excluded; product handling included/excluded.
- 11 Applicable to Option 2 producer groups/Option 1 multisite producers (with/without QMS) including the following possible options under the scope of this add-on:
 - i. For Option 2 producer groups, the item refers to the number of producer group members registered for the add-on.
 - ii. For Option 1 multisite producers (with/without QMS), the item refers to the number of production sites.
- 12 Date the audit against the add-on was conducted
- 13 The LoC “valid from” date defines the beginning of an audit cycle. If the add-on is added mid-cycle initially, the validity date/period of the LoC shall be adjusted to match the base standard cycle.
- 14 The LoC “valid to” date is the expiry date of the LoC. If the add-on is added mid-cycle initially, the validity date/period of the LoC shall be adjusted to match the base standard cycle.
- 15 The first and the last name of the person who has authorized the LoC, written in block letters. This person shall sign the LoC.

- 16 “Date of approval decisions” shall appear on all LoCs. It is the date when the approval decision was made.
- 17 CB contact data (company name, address, email) shall appear on all LoCs.
- 18 Page numbering shall be included (Page x of y) to show the total number of pages.
- 19 The annex (incl. the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number of the certificate holder) shall be added, if applicable.
- 20 For Option 2 producer groups, all approved members of the producer group shall be listed in a table for each product.
- 21 All approved members of the Option 2 producer groups are different legal entities and receive a GLOBALG.A.P. identification number, which shall appear in the table. They may have an own GLN instead of the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number.
- 22 Name and address of the approved producer group members shall be printed on the LoC.
- 23 Products approved per producer group member, production site, or PHU.
- 24 For Option 1 multisite producers (with/without QMS), all registered sites shall be listed.
- 25 The names and addresses of the production sites shall be listed.
- 26 Production site name and address shall be listed
- 27 Where product handling takes place, all registered PHUs shall be listed.
- 28 If the PHU has its own GLOBALG.A.P. identification number/GLN, it shall be listed.
- 29 The names and addresses of the PHUs shall be listed, unless the address is the same as that of the production site.

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