



GLOBALG.A.P. PRODUCE HANDLING ASSURANCE STANDARD (PHA)

The new GLOBALG.A.P. Produce Handling Assurance (PHA) Standard covers pre-process production steps after the point of harvest for crops including cooling, packing, re-packing, handling, and storage of produce for human consumption. The PHA Standard may not be used to certify products significantly transformed from the original whole state or foods that are processed.

- Available to all qualified produce packing operations, including enclosed and open-shed environments, meeting the scope definition in North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Australia (excludes Europe).
- May be used in conjunction with the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard for Fruit and Vegetables (IFA FV) audit to reduce audit redundancy and cost.
- Incorporates FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requirements from both the Produce Safety Rule and the Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule, as appropriate.
- Aids operations in identifying FSMA requirements that must be addressed at the farm level.
- Audit reports and certificates can be provided to importers, retailers, and other value-chain participants as evidence of an operation's efforts toward FSMA implementation.
- PHA is GFSI Recognized (PHA v1.2 benchmarked against GFSI Benchmarking Requirements Version 2020.1 for Scope D - Pre-Processing Handling of Plant Products).

The PHA certificate is not an assurance or guarantee of FSMA compliance, as legal compliance can only be determined by a regulatory authority, such as the United States Food and Drug Administration.

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