

Food Cert India Pvt.Ltd

Exposure to GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

A. IN BRIEF: Good Agricultural Practices Documents were Released by the GLOBAL GAP Secretariat, based in Germany in 2001, in response

✓ To Consumer Concerns, Environmental Protection, Workers Health, Safety and Welfare and Animal Welfare.

GLOBAL GAP is an equal partnership of Agricultural Producers, Retailers, and other Stake Holders within agriculture and food processing sector. The scheme was initially launched by European Retailers and because of its popularity world wide retailers have adopted the document for insuring Food Safety & Quality at primary production level.

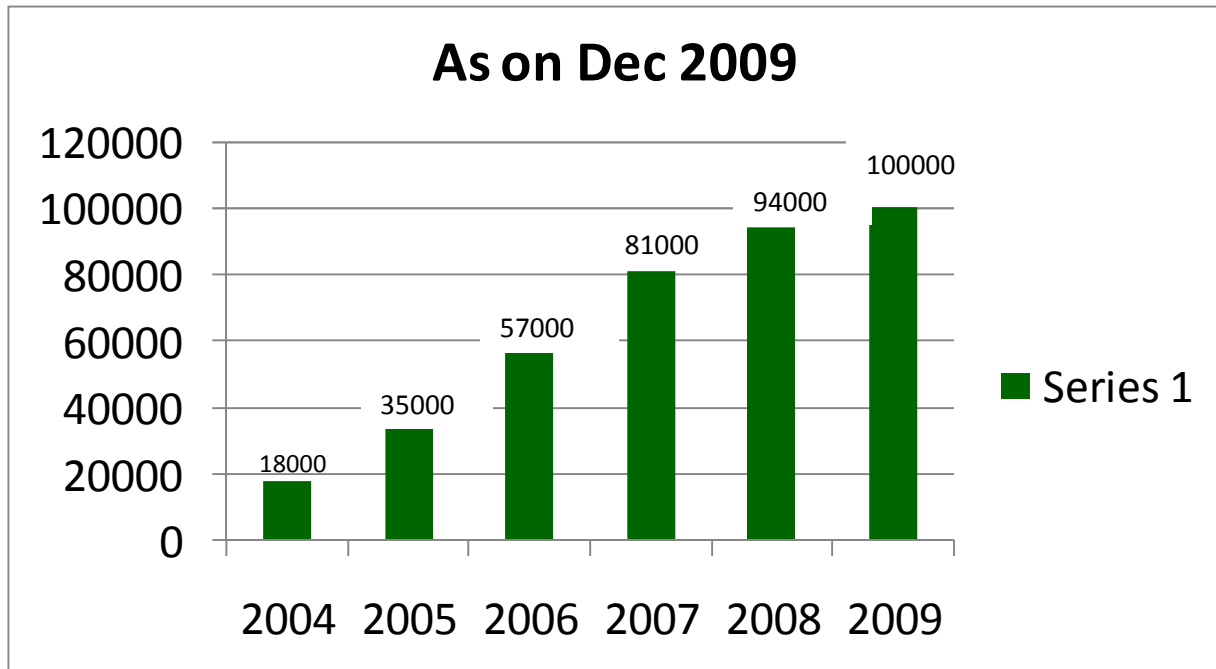
It is a Pre-form Gate standard that covers the entire activity of agricultural production process for the certified product from before the plant is in the ground until the product is harvested.

It established itself as a key reference for GAP anywhere in the world.

Implementation of GAP results in benefits like:

- Minimization of the use of agro chemicals.**
- Sustainability in agricultural operations**
- improved quality and safety of the produce**
- Minimizing detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations.**
- Responsible approach to workers health, safety and animal welfare.**

World wide Position of Registered Growers under GlobalGAP Scheme



B. Why Implementation of GAP is required at primary level:

i. As per the CII – Mcknesey study – Food and Agriculture integrated development action

- **One of the constrains faced by India Food Processors and exporters is the lack of compliance of GAP at primary level.**
- **With growing awareness in the country on food safety, evemestic buyers of processed raw materials are also beginning to demand greater adherence in food safety standards at primary level.**

C. Introduction of Global Gap in India:

- **Food Cert India is the First Body in India to introduce GLOBALGAP Scheme in the year 2003 and registered 12 farmers in the same year and so far over 3300 farmers have been covered under GLOBALGAP Scheme by FCI.**

D. Exposure of Food Cert India to GLOBAL GAP/INDIA GAP/PRIVATE GAP

a. FCI is a member of the following committees:

- **Committee on Promotion of Quality in Agriculture-** Interpretation of provisions of GlobalGAP scheme as applicable under Indian situation-Set up by Quality Council of India/Food Plus, GlobalGAP scheme owner: Preparing and introducing India GAP Scheme.
- **Expert Committee for formulation of National Agricultural Code-**Setup by Bureau of Indian Standard
- **Task force on Horticulture** setup by Confederation of Indian Industry
- **Technical Committee for developing Good Agricultural Practices & Good Field Collection Practices Certification Standards for Medicinal Plants** set up by AYUSH Dept., Ministry of Health, Govt. of India

b. PRIVATE GAP:

- **International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group)** has appointed Food Cert India as Advisor for setting up JAIN GAP Food safety management system for implementation of GAP amongst its Mango and Onion growers, with the aim to comply with all the requirements of GLOBAL GAP in the time frame of three years.
- **ITC Ltd, ABD Division** has appointed Food Cert India for conducting inspections against their “ Choupal Fresh GAP” . Scheme for its Vegetable Growers.
- **FCI is working with one more company on its PRIVATE GAP.**

- **Dutch Retailer Albert Heijn – Protocol Inspections**

The Dutch retailer Albert Heijn (AH) wants to offer her clients healthy and safety food products. AH has taken an initiative to improve the control of residue levels of her plant production products. On top of the GlobalGAP (GG) requirements AH has developed the AH protocol for residue control.

At this moment the suppliers of AH are informed about the protocol and the inspections.

ISACert B.V, is Approved Certification Body for performing AH Inspections.

E. Food Cert India Recognitions:

Food Cert India is at present

- **Is the only Certification Body Accredited by National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), Quality Council of India for the Scopes:**
 - **Agriculture Production and Harvesting on the farm covering fresh fruits, vegetables and combinable crops for Good Agricultural practices.(ISO Guide 65)**
- a. **Organic certification Scheme from Govt. of India (ISO Guide 65) with EU approval under European Regulation (EC) No 537/2009.**
- b. **Only Certification Body to have qualified GlobalGAP Registered “Train-the-Public Trainer” in India for conducting Training Programs under GlobalGAP.**

F. Our Client List:

Some of our clients in India TATA Chemicals Ltd, Agro Tech Food Ltd, Mother Dairy Fruits & Vegetables P.Ltd, Deepak Fertilizers & Petro Chemicals Corporation Ltd, Euro Fruits P.Ltd, Desai Fruits & Vegetables P.Ltd, Adani Agrifresh Ltd, Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd, Punjab State Coop Supply & Marketing Federation, Club Mahindra Resorts, Heritage Foods Ltd, Euro Fruits Ltd, JAIN Irrigation Systems Ltd, Farm Enterprises Ltd (Reliance Group), International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group), ITC Ltd, Kay Bee Exports, Andhra Pradesh State Department of Agriculture & Horticulture, NABARD-Hyderabad, AP Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Board.