

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO CANADAGAP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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CanadaGAP Certification Program Update in Reference to Version **10.0** of Food Safety Manuals

The purpose of this notice is to inform you:

- of updated CanadaGAP certification program, which is now available in reference to version 10.0 of the following food safety manuals:
 - **CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual For Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**, version **10.0**;
 - **CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual For Greenhouse Product**, version **10.0**.

NOTE.— *CanadaGAP manuals can be downloaded from the CanadaGAP website : www.canadagap.ca.*

- **of terms and conditions related to the transition period granted to operations to comply with the new requirements** set out in version 10.0 of the food safety manuals.

The modalities surrounding this transition period are:

- As of **April 1st, 2023**, any new certification applications will be processed under the new certification program requirements.
- Operations that hold a certificate of compliance or have an open file to the BNQ do not have to reapply.
- As of **April 1st, 2023**, all periodic BNQ follow-ups scheduled for spring, summer and fall 2023 will be conducted in line with the new requirements of the certification program. The BNQ will then issue the Certificates of Compliance under version 10.0 of the food safety manuals to operations that demonstrate that they are complying with the new requirements of this program.
- The **expiry date of the valid certificate**, however, is the deadline for operations holding a certificate under version 9.0 of the food safety manuals to demonstrate that they are complying with the new requirements of the certification program (version 10.0 of the manuals).

From the **expiry date of the certificate**, the BNQ will close the certification files of operations that have not been able to demonstrate that they are complying with the new requirements of the certification program (version 10.0 of the manuals). The operation wishing to continue the certification will have to reapply with the BNQ.

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