Declaration of Participation and Power of Attorney

for holders of a GlobalG.A.P. Option 2 certificate for fruits, vegetables, potatoes

Company Data of certificate holder

Company: _____

Street/Number: _____

Postal code: _____ Town: _____ Country/State: _____

Forename and family name of **legal representative:** _____

Phone (landline and/or mobile): _____

Telefax/email: _____

Contact for QS (if different from the legal representative):

Forename and family name _____

Phone (landline and/or mobile): _____

Telefax/email: _____

GLOBALG.A.P number (GGN), if applicable GLN: _____

Note: All crops that are inspected for the QS registered producer within the scope of the recognized certificate and belong to the registered production scope must also be registered in the QS system.

I own a GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificate for fruits, vegetables. I declare for my company and representative for all in my GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificate mentioned and in QS registered producers: **We participate in the QS system.**

I assign and authorize the coordinator

_____ (name coordinator)

to represent our interests in the QS scheme and to make legally binding statements to QS.

We - the certificate holder and the producers registered in QS - will

- inform the GLOBALG.A.P. certification body about the participation in the QS scheme and the associated requirements (e.g. additional inspections to be carried out in addition to the GLOBALG.A.P. inspection system, see QS guideline Coordinator Agriculture/Production, Annex14.2), before signing this Declaration of Participation and Power of Attorney and registering in QS and let confirm
  - the implementation of the requirements and
  - the provision of the information needed for the annual report to QS (see the form "Report to QS");
- comply with the GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 standards, the QS requirements for the recognition of the GLOBAL.G.A.P. Option 2 certificates and the QS guideline Residue Monitoring - Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes;

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- inform the certification body responsible for the GLOBALG.A.P. certificate directly in the case of a permission by QS for the use of the QS certification mark for the labelling of the goods;
- provide our QS-coordinator with the information required regarding the participation in QS in time upon request;
- market goods as QS-goods only if

  – the producer is registered in QS and the goods are included in the GLOBALG.A.P. certified cultures,
  – the certificate holder is certified according to the QS standard wholesale,
  – the goods have not been purchased by the producer, unless the producer is additionally certified according to a QS standard (QS production, QS-GAP, QS wholesale) and
  – the goods are marked as QS goods in the accompanying documents (e.g. apples (QS) or QS apples);

- label goods with the QS certification mark only if

  – the goods originate from producers registered in QS,
  – the use has been permitted in writing by the coordinator and QS and
  – the goods are marked as QS in the accompanying documents and on the goods themselves, on the outer packaging or on the pallet;

- allow QS inspections at any time and grant the necessary controls, samples and insights into the required documents;
- comply with penalties and pay penalties directly to the QS Fachgesellschaft Obst-Gemüse-Kartoffeln GmbH, to which these claims have been assigned;
- inform QS (directly or via the coordinator) and, if there is a legal obligation, inform the competent authorities without delay about systemically critical events and public recalls. Critical events are systemically relevant occurrences that pose a danger to humans, the environment, assets or the QS scheme as a whole or can be a danger for them. These include in particular

  – all systemically relevant deviations found in goods procurement, production or marketing, if these deviations are likely to endanger food safety,
  – any criminal or regulatory investigation, when these procedures are affecting food safety, direct-ly or indirectly,
  – Media research, critical media reports and public protests directly or indirectly addressing food safety issues.

Privacy Statement

We (certificate holder and QS registered producers) hereby consent that personal and company-related data pertaining to our companies such as master data of the operating site, registration number(s), certified production scope (fruit production (outdoor/protected cultivation), vegetable production (outdoor/protected cultivation), potato cultivation), certified crops and areas, validity date of the current recognised certificate may be forwarded to QS Qualität und Sicherheit or QS Fachgesellschaft Obst-Gemüse-Kartoffeln GmbH by the coordinator or standard owner. This also applies to our audit report.

The data is stored in database of the QS scheme, processed and used by the QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH or the QS Fachgesellschaft fruit-vegetables-potatoes GmbH. They are entitled to publish our participation in the QS scheme, the discontinuance of our delivery authorization or our exclusion from the QS scheme with data's, which makes the determination of our enterprise and amount of our participation possible. In QS internal communication, this may also be done by stating our company names, our addresses and the location number as well as the participating production types

The participation in the QS scheme of our company can be made public in the GLOBALG.A.P.-Database.

The data relating to our companies may only be used by coordinators or other scheme participants, as well as by other service providers within the QS scheme (such as certification bodies and laboratories) to the extent required for them to fulfil their tasks in connection with quality assurance in the QS scheme. Any further usage, beyond the scope defined in the QS scheme manual by making an appropriate declaration vis-a-vis our coordinator. In this case our coordinator is permitted to allow the respective authorized persons access to this data.

We are aware, that we can view the data stored and processed within the QS database at any time and the deletion of said data at any time and revoke any rights to use, publish and distribute said data at any time by means of declaration vis-a-vis my coordinator.

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We are also aware that the rights granted to use, publish and distribute our data are the basis of our participation in the QS scheme. If the declaration of consent or the declaration of consent of listed producers in our certificate is revoked or the deletion of our data – the usage, publication and sharing of which are required for our participation in the QS scheme – our participation in the QS scheme shall end immediately.

In addition to the above rights to use, publication and distribution, our personal and business-related data may not be passed to third parties, nor may they be used for purposes other than quality assurance within the QS scheme, unless we have expressly agreed to the distribution thereof to third parties or the usage thereof for other purposes.

We (certificate holder and producer) ensure, that the contents of this participation and power of attorney declaration and data privacy statement are accepted and fulfilled.

The declaration comes into force upon signing. It may be terminated by both parties in writing by the third working day of the quarter to the end of that quarter. The right to extraordinary termination given good reason shall otherwise remain unaffected (such as legal succession, violations of QS terms & conditions of participation, resolution to suspend/embargo or exclude the farm or the coordinator from the QS scheme by QS).

In the event that my company is the certificate holder and coordinator for the producers listed in my certificate at the same time, the written permission of QS for their participation in the QS system is required. Please send the participation and power of attorney with the request for written approval to the QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH, Schedestraße 1-3, 53113 Bonn, info@qs.de, Fax: +49 228 35068 10. In the case of termination or any other cancellation of the participation of the certificate holder, QS has to be informed in writing at the same address in advance.

For the certificate holder and the GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificate referred to and registered with QS producers:

Place, Date	Legal representative of the certificate holder of the GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificate for fruit and vegetables

We hereby declare the commissioning associated with this Declaration of participation and power of attorney.   For the coordinator:

Place, Date	Coordinator

QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH
Schwertberger Straße 14, 53177 Bonn
Tel +49 228 35068-0, info@q-s.de
Managing Director: Dr. A. Hinrichs

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