

Annex 13.2

Participation in the QS scheme with GLOBALG.A.P. certificates Option 2

GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificates (Group certification) are recognized by QS. Certificate holders and the corresponding producers can participate in the QS scheme, if their registered offices and production sites are located within the European Union. They have to be certified against GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 for at least two years and fulfill the following requirements.

Requirements for participation in the QS scheme

Producers with a GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificate¹ can deliver goods in the QS scheme (without marking the goods with the QS certification mark), if the following requirements are fulfilled:

- The certification holder and the producers are registered by the **QS coordinator** in the QS database (including address, GGN, crops of the registered production scope and certificate run-time). All producers in a group or a certain number of producers can participate.
- The **certificate holder** signs vis-à-vis the QS-coordinator an **agreement to participate in the QS scheme (Declaration of participation and Power of Attorney)**. The certificate holder ensures that all producers registered for QS have **agreed to the terms and conditions of QS**.
- All producers registered for QS participate in the QS **residue monitoring** of the QS scheme.
- The number of external controls² specified in the GLOBALG.A.P. **inspection system** is applied to all **producers** registered for QS.
- All QS registered **products are certified**. The participation is not possible for producers with parallel production of certified and non-certified products.
- If the certificate holder merchandises QS goods, a QS participation as wholesale is necessary.

Requirements for labelling goods with the QS certification mark

QS will allow to label goods with the QS certification mark, if the certificate holder and the producers registered for QS have been **successfully participating in the QS scheme** for at **least one year**. This includes the

- **Rule-consistent participation in the QS residue monitoring**
 - The sampling orders will be implemented on time,
 - In case of complaints, the identification of affected producers is possible,
 - The complaint quota of the producer group is not significantly higher than the average in the entire QS residue monitoring.
- **Complaint-free Participation in the QS scheme**
 - The requirements for the recognition of the group certification (reporting requirements of the coordinator according to the template of QS, if necessary additional inspections) are fulfilled,
 - At least 2/3 of the producers passed in the last certification process the inspection on the day of the inspection.

With the confirmation of QS for the use of the certification mark further requirements apply:

- Producers with a **complaint in the QS residue monitoring** receive an additional surveillance audit. The according to the GLOBALG.A.P. inspection system allowed reduction of announced inspections³ is no longer possible.
- Producers who do not pass the **surveillance audit** immediately (on the day of the inspection), will receive an additional GLOBALG.A.P. surveillance audit in the next certification cycle.
- At least 2/3 of the producers have passed the **surveillance audit** on the day of the inspection in the current certification cycle. If this is not the case, the number of GLOBALG.A.P. surveillance audits has to be doubled.
- Producers who purchase uncertified products of the same product that they grow in a certified production process (=parallel ownership⁴) receive announced GLOBALG.A.P. inspections annually.

¹ see GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulation Part I General Requirements Ziff. 3.2

² see GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulation Part I General Requirements Zff. 5.2.3 e)

³ see GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulation Part I General Requirements Zff. 5.2.3 e) (iv)

⁴ see GLOBALG.A.P. General Regulation Part I General Requirements Zff.4.3.2.1

If additional GLOBALG.A.P. inspections are required, they must be performed by the certification body responsible for the GLOBALG.A.P. certificate.