

# GLOBALG.A.P. IFA v6

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Transition to GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) version 6

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## Update

Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) v6 is the newest version of the flagship GLOBALG.A.P. IFA standard. Version 6 is a fundamental reworking of the structure and approach of the previous version (5.2). New tools are now available to support producers of aquaculture, fruit, vegetables, flowers, and ornamentals in their transition to IFA v6. The IFA standard for livestock is discontinued.

## Impacted products

Aquaculture, hops, flowers, ornamentals, fruit, vegetables, plants, tea

## What is changing?

From 1 January 2024, IFA v6 Smart, launched in September 2022, replaced IFA v5.2 for [fruit and vegetables](#), [flowers and ornamentals](#), [hops](#), and [aquaculture](#), and v5.3-GFS for hops. The IFA standard for livestock was discontinued.

## Why?

The aim is to make the IFA standard more streamlined and easier to use, with a focus on outcomes. A wide range of add-on solutions have also been updated to align with the standard.

The IFA for livestock was discontinued because market analysis conducted during the revision process suggested that it was unlikely to become the sector's reference standard.

## Timeline

IFA v6 is available in two editions: IFA v6 Smart and IFA v6-GFS.

## IFA v6 Smart

This edition is appropriate for the majority of producers. Version 6 became obligatory for fruit and vegetables, flowers and ornamentals, hops, and aquaculture on **1 January 2024**.

For combinable crops, and for plant propagation material, IFA v5.2 will remain available for audit until the launch of the updated IFA v6, in both cases scheduled for 2024.

## IFA v6-GFS

This is designed for producers who require certification with a Global Food Safety Initiative ([GFSI](#)) benchmarked standard.

Benchmarking for GFSI recognition of IFA v6-GFS will be ongoing in 2024. For fruit and vegetables, and aquaculture, IFA v5.4-1-GFS will therefore continue to be valid after 1 January 2024.

Following GFSI recognition, a transition period will apply before v6-GFS becomes obligatory. Audits to IFA v5.4-1-GFS may continue until the transition period expires.

The last date for audits against the v5.2 livestock standard was 31 December 2023. Certification bodies can still issue certificates for the standard during 2024 as long as the audit was conducted before 31 December 2023. Certificate validity cannot exceed 31 December 2024.

## What are the major implications for exporting countries?

IFA offers certification for both individual producers and producer groups, including smallholders. Producers can get certification in any country where a GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification body conducts audits. Producers who require a stepwise approach towards certification can opt for [Primary Farm Assurance](#) (PFA).

## Background

The GLOBALG.A.P. portfolio of standards offers [farm assurance solutions](#) to agriculture, aquaculture, floriculture, compound feed manufacturing, and the supply chain.

The portfolio includes [Primary Farm Assurance](#) (PFA), an entry-level standard designed to assess good agricultural practices in developing and emerging economies. PFA aims to fulfil requirements for local markets, and facilitate the first steps towards accredited certification recognised in global trade, such as the IFA.

The IFA is a global, internationally recognised standard for responsible farming practices that covers the following sectors:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Aquaculture
- Flowers and ornamentals
- Hops
- Combinable crops
- Plant propagation material
- Tea.

For details on how the GLOBALG.A.P. IFA standard operates, see the [ITC Standards Map Fact Sheet on GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Smart – principles and criteria for fruit and vegetables.](#)

## Resources

[New Integrated Farm Assurance version 6 transition tools for seamless certification](#)

[ITC Standards Map](#)

[GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Smart – principles and criteria for fruit and vegetables](#)

## Sources

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