

# GLOBALG.A.P. IFA v6

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## Regulation

GLOBALG.A.P. [Integrated Farm Assurance version 6](#)

## What is changing and why?

From 1 January 2024, IFA v6 Smart, launched in September 2022, replaces IFA v5.2 for fruit and vegetables, flowers and ornamentals, hops, and aquaculture. The aim is to make the IFA 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 standard for livestock is discontinued because market analysis 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 version 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 until the launch of the updated IFA v6 in 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 is 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, during which audits to the previous version may continue.

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

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