



Qualitätssicherung. Vom Erzeuger bis zur Ladentheke.

Participate in the QS scheme with GLOBALG.A.P. certificates according to Option 1 Multisite with QMS



GLOBALG.A.P. certificates according to Option 1 Multisite with implementation of a quality management system (QMS) are recognized by QS. Appropriately certified **producers** can participate in the QS scheme, if their registered office and locations are within **the European Union**. They have to be certified against this certificate for at least **two years** and fulfil the following requirements.

Requirements:

- All production sites (locations) listed in the certificate of the producer are registered in the database of the QS scheme and participate in the **QS residue monitoring**.
- All QS registered **products are certified**. (The participation is not possible for producers with parallel production of certified and non-certified products).

Steps to participate in the QS scheme:

1. The **QS-coordinator** registers the producer (certificate holder) and the locations in the database of the QS-scheme (including address, GGN, cultures and certificate validity). Prior to the confirmation of the initial registration of producers with Option 1 Multisite with QMS certificate, the coordinator will be advised by QS.
2. The **producer** (certificate holder) signs an **agreement to participate in the QS scheme** (see Declaration of Participation and Power of Attorney example at www.q-s.de/en/).
3. The coordinator informs the **certification body** that has issued the current GLOBALG.A.P. certificate about the producers registered for QS.



The producer is displayed in the database of the QS scheme (via the QS ID, OGK or GGN number). **Goods** can be delivered **into the QS scheme**.



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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**.
- With the use of the QS certification mark further requirements apply:
 - Locations of a producer with a **complaint in the QS residue monitoring** receive an additional unannounced inspection. The according to the GLOBALG.A.P. inspection system allowed reduction of announced inspection is no longer possible.
 - Locations of a producer who do not pass the **unannounced inspection** (=surveillance inspection) immediately (on the day of the inspection) will receive an additional unannounced GLOBALG.A.P. inspection in the next certification cycle.
 - At least 2/3 of the locations of a producer have passed the **unannounced inspections** on the day of the inspection in the current certification cycle. If this is not the case, the number of unannounced GLOBALG.A.P. inspections has to be doubled.
 - Producer and locations who purchase uncertified products of the same product that they grow in a certified production process (= parallel ownership) receive announced GLOBALG.A.P. inspections annually.

If **additional GLOBALG.A.P. inspections** are required, they must be performed by the certification body responsible for the GLOBALG.A.P. certificate. The commission takes place via the coordinator (in consultation with the certificate holder).

The QS scheme is a quality scheme for food from farm to shop. The QS guidelines set strict, verifiable production requirements for all stages of the supply chain - from the grower to the food retailer. The multi-step inspection of these criteria and the traceability of the products characterize the QS scheme. Currently, more than 31,000 companies of the fruit and vegetables supply chain have decided to participate in the QS scheme.

You can find more information on QS and how to participate in the QS scheme with a GLOBALG.A.P. Option 1 certificate here: www.q-s.de/en/

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